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SOCCER HOTLINES

Mulvey Gets Roar End Of The Deal



A-League Title-winning coach Mike Mulvey has been stood down as manager of Brisbane Roar just six matches into the team's A-League championship defence.

The club released a statement on Sunday confirming the news after reports of Mulvey's axing.

"Head coach Mike Mulvey met with Brisbane Roar FC management today. As a result, he will step down from the head coach's position," Roar chief executive

Simon Dobson said.

"Brisbane Roar FC thanks Mike Mulvey for his contribution to the success of the club since his appointment as interim coach in December 2012 and as Brisbane Roar head coach in February 2013."

Local media reports claimed Dutchman Frans Thijssen - whose previous managerial positions include roles at Vitesse, Malmö, Fortuna Sittard and several stints in the Middle East - would replace Mulvey, and the club shortly afterwards confirmed the appointment.

Mulvey succeeded Rado Vidacic in December 2012, guiding the then-faltering champions into a finals berth, before orchestrating Roar's third title-winning campaign in four seasons last term.

The loss of star striker Besart Berisha and Australia international Ivan Franjic has been keenly felt in a start to a 2014-15 campaign that has produced just one win to date. Roar lost 1-0 away to Melbourne Victory last Friday.

FFA Cup to include NT in 2015

FFA Cup The Westfield FFA Cup will become a truly national competition next year with a club from the Northern Territory to participate in the Preliminary Rounds (pre Round of 32) and be granted a direct slot into the Round of 32.

Another change for the Westfield FFA Cup 2015 will include an automatic Round of 32 slot designated to the PlayStation 4 National Premier Leagues Champions, which sees South Australian club MetroStars SC become the first Member Federation club confirmed in the Round of 32 for next year.

Football NSW will continue to have the highest number of slots with five (5), while Football Queensland and Football Federation Victoria will each have four (4) slots, Northern NSW Football and Football West two (2) slots, and Capital Football, Football Federation Northern Territory, Football Federation South Australia and Football Federation Tasmania one (1) slot apiece.

Fan park brings host cities to life

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Sydney: Dec 17-21 at Customs House (CBD), Jan 10-24 at Customs House and Jan 27-31 at Centenary Square (Parramatta)

Newcastle: Dec 18-22 at Honeysuckle, and Jan 12-30 at Honeysuckle

Brisbane: Dec 11-15 at Reddcliff Place, and Jan 10-22 at Southbank



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Inside Football

When Winning Isn't Enough

GW's Brisbane correspondent JARROD ELLIS takes an in-depth look at the crisis that has engulfed the defending champions.

May 4, 2014. Mike Mulvey and Brisbane Roar complete a remarkable season, after claiming the Premiers' Plate by a clear ten points the club then defeats Western Sydney Wanderers in the Grand Final to claim the Premiership-Championship Double.

Six months on Mulvey is unemployed, sacked after Brisbane started with five losses from the opening six rounds of the A-League.

A solitary win from six matches is hardly the form of champions and rumours of dressing room unrest began slowly leaking out into the press. That story only seemed to be confirmed when Liam Miller made an abrupt departure from the club.

Still Mulvey's position at the club didn't appear to be threatened and Miller was hardly a fan favourite. However on Sunday the media became aware that Brisbane's second most successful manager was to be sacked following a 1-0 loss to Melbourne Victory.

Mulvey's assistant Ron Smith then followed on Wednesday, completing wholesale changes behind the scenes in Brisbane. The signing of Smith had been trumpeted by Mulvey as the most important of the off-season and his decision to follow Mulvey out the door is a strong indicator of a power-struggle within the club.

The fact that the media knew of Mulvey's departure before the man himself is an indictment on the Roar and the lack of a press conference to explain the departure until the following day only fuelled a storm of speculation and controversy.

When the club did front the press it was Managing Director Sean Dobson whom took the lead in explaining the shock decision. In front of the media Dobson went on to claim that Mulvey was let go as a direct result of abandoning the club's core values and systems.

Dobson explained that a board decision to sack Mulvey was made on Sunday morning but he did not get a chance to speak face to face with last season's coach of the year until later that afternoon, hours after the news had been leaked to the media.

Dobson then went on to say that Mulvey had been warned repeatedly that he had strayed too far from Roar's ideal training regimen, tactics and philosophy on numerous occasions and that this had been discussed even in the aftermath of Brisbane winning a third championship in four seasons.

With results at the start of the season no longer justifying Mulvey's determination to do things his way the board decided to act.

Even with the Roar only having claimed three points from a possible eighteen it was a remarkable decision given Bris-



In happier times: Matt Smith and Mike Mulvey with the A-League trophy.

bane's recent success.

For Brisbane it boils down to either gross misjudgement or a bold step to secure the club's success and identity. That Mulvey's dismissal has been handled poorly can't be denied, yet the decision is on the surface a product of the Director of Football system, a position held at Brisbane by Ken Stead.

In recent years football's chattering classes have demanded A-League club's adopt just such a structure, that club's develop an identity, a philosophy, that these aspects should be protected and nourished by a Director of Football. Should the reasons proffered by Dobson be believed then Mulvey's departure is a direct result of Brisbane holding to this system. Whether or not it was a move that was truly justified only time will tell and Stead's role is sure to carry extra scrutiny going forward.

The Roar squad has flaws, an aging defence, lack of a focal point up front, but there is talent there, this is the reigning champion after all. It will be up to Frans Thijssen to sort out the issues. The Dutchman, originally in Brisbane to pursue a technical role with the club has instead found himself thrust into the hot seat on an interim basis.

Thijssen, a former Dutch international, has a far from envious management record, yet must have impressed the likes of Dobson and Stead enough to take the job. He's reportedly set to move upstairs at the end of the season and with the talk of his predecessor not following the club's ethos Thijssen will be expected to carry out orders from on high.

As for Mulvey's future it shouldn't be too long until he finds himself at another A-League club. His time at Brisbane has only built on previous successful stints in women's and youth football and when a vacancy opens up with an A-League club he'll be one of the first names mentioned.

Despite the explanations offered by the club the exact reasons behind Mulvey's departure aren't yet completely clear. With Mulvey reportedly considering legal action and Brisbane's apparently leaky boardroom there is still plenty of this story yet to play out.



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CAN FLORES SHOW THE WAY IN F3 DESPERATION DERBY?

By Simon Maher

FOOTBALL FOCUS

Newcastle Jets silky playmaker Marcos Flores expressed just how vital this Sunday's F3 Derby is when he told reporters, "I will tell you, this is going to be the most important week in our year." And who is going to understand this better than Flores? The mercurial Number 10 was forged in the cauldron of Argentina's top flight playing for Newell's Old Boys. Since then he has accumulated a wealth of derby experience in the A-League turning out for Adelaide, Melbourne Victory and the Central Coast Mariners lighting up the biggest matches of the A-League calendar. Will this wily artist provide the spark which lights up Hunter stadium this Sunday and guide the Jets to victory?

When you look at the dire circumstances presently surrounding these clubs it's clear the brilliant Argentinian is not exaggerating the importance of this game. This Sunday's F3 Derby clash between the Newcastle Jets and the Central Coast Mariners at Hunter Stadium is shaping as the "Desperation Derby". Surely these teams have not previously met in such parlous circumstances? The Jets are one short step off the bottom of the ladder in 9th position while the Mariners are precariously perched two slippery rungs above them in seventh spot. Between them they have scraped one win from the first seven rounds of the 10th season of the Hyundai A-League, and to add some spice to this combustible match up, the Mariners grabbed that lonely win in Round 1 against the Jets.

If these stats are not depressing enough you only have to look at recent performances to understand the mounting pressure on these teams who pride themselves on fighting above their weight. At the Jets most recent home game a listless performance saw them cop a 0-4 drubbing from a punch drunk Brisbane team which had arrived in Newcastle struggling under the weight of their own problems, and yet left as conquering heroes whilst Jet's fans rained down disparagement upon their own. It's hard to recall Jets fans turning on their own with such open disdain. One is more accustomed to that earthy chant of "Newcastle" which emanates deep from within hometown fans and sets even the hairs on away fans' necks standing.

The Mariners will understand only too well this insidious type of pressure that inexorably builds when the going gets tough. Last Sunday at Bluetongue witnessed one of the most inept performances of Mariners history with a lacklustre performance presenting the marauding

Reds of Josep Gombau with 3 points in a neatly wrapped gift pack. Simmering tensions

erupted in a touchline brouhaha between Captain John Hutchinson and his bench which saw the skipper march straight down the tunnel after being substituted in the 64th minute. To compound matters midfield anchor Nick Montgomery received his marching orders barely five minutes later for a reckless challenge that rules him out of this crucial fixture.

Both teams will fully understand this Sunday's game presents a decisive challenge to the course of their seasons. Each knows a positive result will provide momentum and lift spirits. But these struggling seasiders will also be acutely aware that this match provides a chance to regroup energies and set about recovering ground that is rapidly receding.

In battles like these it is most often the gifted players who see opportunity and seize it. In this context the Jets will enter this derby with a measure of confidence from last week's 1-1 away draw against the Wanderers. While the point from Pirtek was timely it was the performances of the three senior figures that provided substance to Newcastle's hopes for this week. The gifted David Carney showed he still has that special flair which saw him grace the big leagues of Europe, whilst Flores himself produced a sublime finish that only he could conjure to convert Carney's ingenious pass. At the back Dutchmen Kew Jaliens marshalled his troops in the way of the most inspiring skippers.

The Mariners will sorely miss the strength of Montgomery in midfield but will be hoping that Hungarian Richard Vernes may unlock his own guile and provide the opportunities for speedsters Mitchell Duke and Nick Fitzgerald up front.

The stakes have rarely been higher in a F3 derby with both clubs desperate to recover pride as well as accumulate points. We will leave the last word to the maestro Flores, "It's tough but we are men and we're ready for the fight."



SCOREBOARD

ROUND SEVEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Last 5 matches
1. Perth Glory	7	6	0	1	12	8	+4	18	W W W W L
2. Adelaide United	7	5	2	0	11	4	+7	17	W W D W W
3. Melbourne Victory	7	4	3	0	15	6	+9	15	W D D W W
4. Sydney FC	7	4	3	0	10	4	+6	15	W D D W W
5. Wellington Phoenix	7	3	0	4	10	10	+0	9	L L W L W
6. Melbourne City	7	1	3	3	11	14	-3	6	L D W L L
7. Central Coast	7	1	2	4	4	9	-5	5	L D D L L
8. Brisbane Roar	6	1	0	5	8	11	-3	3	L W L L L
9. Newcastle Jets	7	0	3	4	6	15	-9	3	D L D L L
10. Wanderers	6	0	2	4	5	11	-6	2	D D L L L

Melbourne Victory 1 (Own Goal 77')

Brisbane Roar 0

Crowd: 23,000 at Etihad

Melbourne City 1 (Paartalu 87')

Sydney FC 2 (Janko 10', 82')

Crowd: 9,474 at AAMI Park

Perth Glory 2 (De Silva 2', Keogh 60')

Wellington Phoenix 1 (Krishna 85' Pen)

Crowd: 9,223 @ nib Stadium

Central Coast Mariners 0

Adelaide United 2 (Pablo Sanchez 40', 43')

Crowd: 6,404 at Central Coast Stadium

Western Sydney Wanderers 1 (Juric 12')

Newcastle Jets 1 (Flores 27')

Crowd: 14,136 @Pirtek Stadium

AGAINST ALL ODDS

A-League Title 2014/15

Melbourne Victory	4.33
Adelaide United	5.00
Sydney FC	5.00
Perth Glory	6.00
Wellington Phoenix	12.00
Melbourne City	12.00
Wanderers	12.00
Brisbane Roar	13.00
Central Coast Mariners	19.00
Newcastle Jets	36.00

TOP GOAL SCORERS

B. Berisha	Melb Victory	5
A. Keogh	Perth Glory	5
N. Burns	Wellington	4
Henrique	Brisbane	4
Cirio	Adelaide Utd	3
M. Janko	Sydney FC	3
J. MacLaren	Perth Glory	3
M. McGlinchey	Wellington	3
A. Thompson	Melb Victory	3
F. B. Khalfallah	Melb Victory	2
M. Bridge	Wanderers	2
B. Djité	Adelaide Utd	2
M. Dugandzic	Melbourne City	2
C. Gameiro	Sydney FC	2
J. Griffiths	Newcastle	2

MATCH STATS

THIS WEEK

Round 08	Fixture	Venue	Local	AEDT
Fri 28 Nov	Melb Victory v Adelaide United	AAMI Park	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Sat 29 Nov	Brisbane Roar v Perth Glory	Suncorp Stadium	4:00 PM	5:00 PM
Sat 29 Nov	Wanderers v Sydney FC	Pirtek Stadium	7:45 PM	7:45 PM
Sun 30 Nov	Wellington Phoenix v Melb City	Westpac Stadium	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
Sun 30 Nov	Newcastle Jets v Mariners	Hunter Stadium	5:00 PM	5:00 PM

NEXT WEEK

Round 09	Fixture	Venue	Local	AEDT
Thu 4 Dec	Sydney FC v Perth Glory	Allianz Stadium	7:30 PM	7:30 PM
Fri 5 Dec	Mariners v Melbourne Victory	North Sydney Oval	7:40 PM	7:40 PM
Sat 6 Dec	Newcastle Jets v Wellington	Hunter Stadium	5:00 PM	5:00 PM
Sat 6 Dec	Adelaide United v Wanderers	Coopers Stadium	7:30 PM	7:00 PM
Sun 7 Dec	Melbourne City v Brisbane Roar	AAMI Park	5:00 PM	5:00 PM



1-0 It's the nail in the coffin for Brisbane Roar and Mike Mulvey. Melbourne Victory skipper Leigh Broxham is on the run to commence celebrations after the ball found its way into the net.



Mulvey's last stand

Melbourne Victory continued its unbeaten start to the season with a hard fought 1-0 win over reigning A-League champions Brisbane Roar at Etihad Stadium on Friday night.

Over 23,000 fans gathered at Etihad Stadium to witness former Brisbane Roar striker Besart Berisha play against his former club in a clash which many predicted would be a tight contest.

Victory welcomed back Scott Galloway, Mark Milligan and Daniel Georgievski while Kosta Barbarouses returned on the bench. Muscat's defence was still missing a piece as they were without Frenchman Matthew Delpierre who missed the game through an injury that could keep him out until January.

In a fairly even first half, it was Brisbane's Thomas Broich that created the first chance after 8 minutes, firing a low shot into the hands of Nathan Coe.

Melbourne's marquee signing Besart Berisha almost put the home side ahead against his former club in the 22nd minute after latching onto a brilliantly timed through ball from Daniel Georgievski but his effort from was easily saved by the outstretched Jamie Young.

The final chance of the opening period came to Victory when Roar defender Daniel Bowles was lucky not to concede

an own goal in the 40th minute as his clearing header looped just over the bar, landing onto the roof of the net.

Melbourne Victory came out firing in the second-half and looked to have grabbed the opener in the 56th minute when Adrian Leijer leaped tallest to head the ball powerfully over the line. However the Victory defender was adjudged to be offside by the linesman.

After a fairly dull second-half with little action, the breakthrough finally came in the 77th minute when a free kick from Fahid Ben Khalfallah was whipped into the box finding Berisha who's header deflected into Jade North, who was powerless to prevent it from going into his own net.

Ben Khalfallah had a final chance to finish the game off in the 92nd minute as he found himself one-on-one with 'keeper Jamie Young but the Brisbane stopper was able to deny the Victory winger.

Melbourne will look to continue their run of form against another unbeaten Adelaide outfit at AAMI Park next week, while Brisbane will look to bounce back against league leaders Perth Glory at home.

Melbourne Victory



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Brisbane Roar



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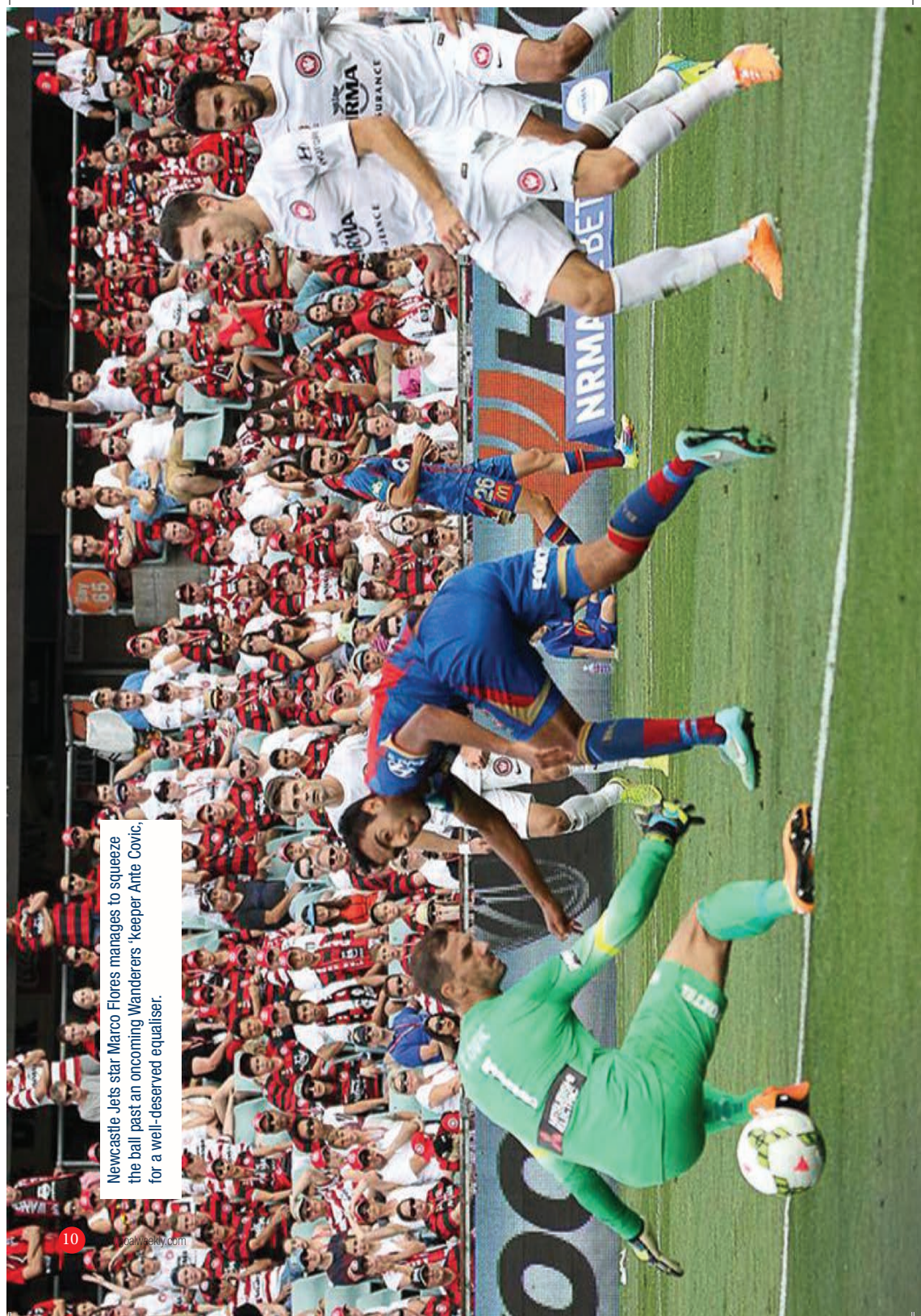
MATCH DETAILS

Melbourne Victory 1 (Own Goal 77')
Brisbane Roar 0
Venue: Etihad Stadium
Referee: Chris Beath

Melbourne Victory: 1. Nathan Coe (Gk), 5. Mark Milligan (C), 6. Leigh Broxham, 7. Gui Finkler (11. Connor Pain 66'), 8. Besart Berisha, 10. Archie Thompson (9. Kosta Barbarouses 58'), 14. Fahid Ben Khalfallah, 15. Daniel Georgievski, 21. Carl Valeri (16. Rashid Mahazi 85'), 23. Adrian Leijer, 24. Scott Galloway
Substitutes: 20. Lawrence Thomas (Gk), 22. Jesse Makarounas
Yellow Cards: Carl Valeri 11', Mark Milligan 35'
Red Cards: Nil

Brisbane Roar: 2. Matthew Smith (C), 3. Shane Stefanutto (15. James Donachie 17'), 10. Henrique, 13. Jade North, 14. Daniel Bowles, 17. Matt McKay (8. Steven Lustica 81'), 18. Luke Brattan, 21. Jamie Young (Gk), 22. Thomas Broich, 23. Dimitri Petratos, 28. Brandon Borrello (7. Mensur Kurtishi 62')
Substitutes Not Used: 30. Matthew Acton (Gk), 34. Shannon Brady
Yellow Cards: Matt McKay 29', Jade North 45', Luke Brattan 65'
Red Cards: Nil

Newcastle Jets star Marco Flores manages to squeeze the ball past an oncoming Wanderers 'keeper Ante Covic, for a well-deserved equaliser.





Jets ground Wanderers

It may have been last versus second last at Pirtek Stadium on Saturday night, but you wouldn't have known given what transpired on the pitch.

The Wanderers, as if atop the table once again, completely outplayed the Jets but were unable to land the killer blow that would finally give them their first win of the season.

It looked like the Wanderers woes were finally over in the 11th minute when Tomi Juric blasted home a classy volley from a well-worked corner.

It took the Jets just 15 minutes to strike back however, with former Socceroo David Carney combining with the stylish Marcos Flores to make it 1-1.

From that point on it was all the Wanderers, as the Asian Champions continued to push for that elusive first win, nearly two months into the season.

The men in red and black dominated possession and territory and combined for 18 shots on goal, while the Jets could only manage one shot on target, resulting in the one goal.

Despite the disappointing result, the Wanderers certainly showed glimpses that they're nearly back to the form that got them to the past two A-League grand finals.

Saba, Juric, Nikita Rukavytsya and Romeo Castelen have the potential to be the most

potent forward pack in the league, at the moment however, the men from the West just aren't having any luck in front of goal.

The Jets may be one spot ahead of the Wanderers on the table, but the team from the Hunter seem a lot further from their first win than their Western Sydney counterparts.

Despite a few moments of brilliance from the talented Marcos Flores and the experienced David Carney, the Jets didn't create much, and on another day may have conceded three or four at the other end.

With silly season having already started following Mike Mulvey's sacking in Brisbane, alarm bells may begin ringing around Phil Stubbin's office if recent results continue.

Ironically, there's no safer manager in the A-League than Tony Popovic, despite the Wanderers sitting dead last after 6 matches. Teams are still struggling to break down the Wanderers defence, and you feel like goals are only just around the corner for the likes of Juric, Rukavytsya and Castelen.

Both teams now have derbies to contend with, hosting bitter rivals Sydney FC and Central Coast Mariners respectively.

If there's one fixture that could kick-start a season, it's the F3 or Sydney derby.

The Jets and Wanderers will certainly be looking to take advantage of their fiery clashes this weekend.

Western Sydney Wanderers



1

Newcastle Jets



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MATCH DETAILS

Western Sydney Wanderers 1 (Juric 12')

Newcastle Jets 1 (Flores 27')

Attendance: 14,136 @Pirtek Stadium

Western Sydney Wanderers FC: Covic, Alessi (Hamill 46'), Spiranovic, Topor-Stanley, Cole, Poljak, La Rocca, Castelen (Bridge 57'), Saba, Rukavytsya (Haliti 76'), Juric

Newcastle Jets: Kennedy, Cowburn, Jaliens, Madaschi, Gallaway, Welsh, Flores (Griffiths 68'), Celeski (Pepper 74'), Jeronimo (Hoole 64'), Montano, Carney

Scorers: Juric 12', Flores 27'

Red cards: none

Yellow cards: Madaschi 79'

MOM: Tomi Juric (Wanderers)



It's crunchtime! Melbourne City's Erik Paartalu gets his head to the ball first as Sydney FC 'keeper Vedran Janjetovic comes out with fists flying.



Janko brace KO's City

Ten-man Sydney FC has defeated Melbourne City 2-1 at AAMI Park on Saturday night, thanks to a pair of Marc Janko brace.

The striker did the damage for the visitors either side of half time, in a thoroughly entertaining and open contest where Milos Dimitrijevic was sent off in the dying stages.

Sydney defender Sasa Ognjenovski's spot was replaced in the line up by Pedj Bojic, meaning Sebastian Ryall moved to the heart of defence with Nikola Petkovic. But it was City's defence that was first to be breached. Bernie Ibini's looping cross saw Redmayne horribly exposed, leaving Janko an empty net to nod into on 10 minutes.

Dugandzic picked up a loose pass from a Sydney FC corner, and as the forward skipped pass Bojic, he was fouled. The City contingent bayed for blood, but referee Kris Griffiths-Jones opted for a caution.

Another Ibini cross found the head of Janko on a Sydney counter, but Redmayne was equal to the effort.

Ibini was running riot - Janko fed the pacy forward on the right but Redmayne saved the day.

Ali Abbas was the next to spurn a great opportunity, calling Redmayne into action with another great save, minutes

after Janko pounced but he also failed to breach the net as the 'keeper looked determined to atone for his earlier error. Duff's smart interplay with Mooy saw the winger find the 25-year-old at the far post, but he blazed over.

Janjetovic's rare error left Williams with only an empty net ahead of him but the striker's contact was poor.

A goal-saving tackle from City skipper Patrick Kisnorbo denied Janko after Ibini's low cross to the far post.

Ibini's fierce drive was denied by City 'keeper Redmayne, as the game entered the final 15 minutes.

Substitute James Brown was released by Mooy, lacking numbers in the final third after skipping away from Alexander Gersbach.

City defender Robbie Welaert then inexplicably handed Sydney the points. His poor backpass found Janko who beat Redmayne with a neat toe-poke.

The home side immediately hit back as Erik Paartalu breached Janjetovic's goal. Minutes later, Dimitrijevic was given his second yellow for time wasting to set up a grandstand finish.

Brown's volley was comfortably caught by Janjetovic with five minutes of added time remaining and the scoreline remained unchanged with Sydney FC picking up a crucial win.

Melbourne City



1

Sydney FC



2

MATCH DETAILS

Melbourne City 1 (Paartalu 87')

Sydney FC 2 (Janko 10', 82')

Ground: AAMI Park

Referee: Kris Griffiths Jones

Attendance: 9,474

Melbourne City: 1. Andrew Redmayne, 2. Robbie Welaert, 5. Erik Paartalu, 6. Aaron Mooy, 7. Iain Ramsay, 11. Damien Duff, 15. David Williams (14. James Brown 65'), 17. Jason Hoffman, 23. Mate Dugandzic (25. Jacob Melling 77'), 24. Patrick Kisnorbo, 28. Liam Miller (25. Jacob Melling 45')
Subs Not Used: 20. Tando Velaphi, 27. Ross Archibald
Yellow Cards: Welaert 79'.
Red Cards: None

Sydney FC: 20. Vedran Janjetovic, 2. Seb Ryall, 4. Pedj Bojic, 6. Nikola Petkovic, 8. Milos Dimitrijevic, 11. Bernie Ibini, 14. Alex Brosque, 16. Alex Gersbach, 17. Terry Antonis, 21. Marc Janko (9. Shane Smeltz 95'), 22. Ali Abbas (23. Rhyan Grant 68').
Subs Not Used: 1. Ivan Necevski, 13. Christopher Naumoff, 25. Aaron Calver
Yellow Cards: Bojic 18', Dimitrijevic 70'.
Red Cards: 8. Milos Dimitrijevic 89'.



Danny Da Silva is on hand at the near post to steer the ball the ball home for Perth Glory



Da Silva Lining for Glory

Perth Glory teenager midfielder Danny De Silva scored his first ever A-League goal to help his side to a hard fought 2-1 win against Wellington Phoenix at the nib Stadium on Friday evening. The 17-year-old struck after only two minutes, before Andy Keogh added his fifth of the season midway through the second half, and it looked like the points were safe. But Ruben Zadkovich, who had only been on the pitch for 17 seconds, was sent off and it was game on. Phoenix pulled one back on 84 minutes, when Fijian international striker Roy Krishna converted from the spot, but despite dominating late the Phoenix couldn't find the equaliser, the three points keeping the Glory top of the table.

Glory Coach Kenny Lowe believed the win would take his side's already booming confidence to another level. "I've got confidence in them anyway, but I think it will give them even more confidence, and the two goals were top notch," Lowe said. "It was never in doubt with the character they've got. It just re-emphasised the type of people they are. "We looked organised, we looked composed, we looked in control of the game with nine players and that's testament to those guys (in the dressing room)." It was a perfect start for the home side and they were ahead after only two minutes. Youssef Hersi was sent down the right by Dino Djulbic, and skipped past Tom Doyle, before crossing to De Silva who bundled the ball home from close-range. The Phoenix was struggling in the final third, and was

missing the influential midfielder Michael McGlinchey, but with Glory skipper Michael Thwaite, Djulbic and Rostyn Griffiths outstanding at the back, the Glory led at the break

it was the home side who doubled their advantage on the hour. Marinkovic fed Josh Risdon on the right, his cross to the back post found Keogh, who got ahead of Manny Muscat and fired home from six-yards. It looked game over, but moments after coming on to replace Griffiths, Zadkovich went into a tackle on Vince Lia, and after consulting with his assistant, referee Lucien Laverdure showed the former Newcastle Jets skipper a straight red card. Despite going down to ten men the Glory almost added a third on 75 minutes, Risdon eased his way past Andrew Durante on the right and picked out Marinkovic on the edge of the penalty area, his shot beat Moss, but the ball crashed off the crossbar, and Keogh headed the rebound over the top.

The Phoenix received a lifeline on 83 minutes, when Albert Riera played substitute Tyler Boyd into the penalty area, who fell under a challenge from Risdon, and the referee pointed to the spot. Krishna kept his nerve and sent Danny Vukovic the wrong way from the resulting penalty to make it 2-1. The home side were hanging on desperately, and deep into stoppage time the Phoenix almost nicked a point. Nathan Burns, who had been well held by Thwaite all game, lost his marker in the 94th minute, and his shot flashed inches past the post.

PERTH GLORY



2

WELLINGTON PHOENIX



1

MATCH DETAILS

Perth Glory 2 (De Silva 2', Keogh 60')

Wellington Phoenix 1 (Krishna 89' Pen)

Referee: Lucien Laverdure

Perth Glory: Gk Danny Vukovic, 5 Rostyn Griffiths (8 Ruben Zadkovich 60'), 6 Dino Djulbic, 7 Youssef Hersi, 9 Andy Keogh, 10 Nebosja Marinkovic (13 Diogo Ferreira 88'), 11 Richard Garcia, 19 Joshua Risdon, 20 Daniel De Silva (17 Mitch Nichols 68'), 21 Scott Jamieson, 23 Michael Thwaite (C)

Subs Not Used: Rgk Jack Duncan, 14 Chris Harold

Yellow Cards: Marinkovic 26', Garcia 72'

Red Cards: Zadkovich 61'

Wellington Phoenix: Gk Glen Moss, 2 Manny Muscat, 4 Roly Bonevacia (12 Tyler Boyd 77'), 9 Nathan Burns, 11 Jeremy Brockie, 13 Albert Riera, 17 Vince Lia, 18 Ben Sigmund, 19 Tom Doyle (5 Michael Boxall 82'), 21 Roy Krishna, 22 Andrew Durante (C)

Subs Not Used: Rgk Lewis Italiano, 7 Kenny Cunningham, 8 Alex Rodriguez

Yellow Cards: Doyle 22', Sigmund 27', Lia 77'



Adelaide United's Eugene Galekovic shows a safe pair of hands, to keeps things solid at the back for an impressive win on the road



Reds Roll Mariners

Adelaide United kept its unbeaten record intact after securing a 2-0 win in Gosford, thanks to a two goal blitz from Pablo Sanchez just before the half-time break. The Mariners failed to capitalise on numerous first half chances, with Sanchez punishing them by scoring two quick-fire goals in the space 3 minutes to give the Reds a comfortable half time lead.

The Mariners had the brighter start to the game, with their best chance coming in the 23rd minute when Michael Neill played Mitchell Duke through on goal, only for the striker to shoot straight at Galekovic. Neill then had a penalty claim denied in the 30th minute when he was brought down by a last ditch slide tackle from Ferreira. Adelaide continued to hold on as Galekovic was able to deny Matt Sim's freekick in the 37th minute. Adelaide turned the game on its head in the 40th minute when a deflected cross from Fabio Ferreira sailed over the Mariners defence allowing an unchallenged Pablo Sanchez to guide home his header past a helpless Liam Reddy. The home team were then sent into a devastating tailspin only minutes later, when Adelaide fullback Tarek Elrich glided through the Mariners defence with a mazy dribble before sending in a ball across the face of goal. Defender Neill was only able to deflect the ball into the path of Pablo

Sanchez who was once again on hand to finish with an emphatic strike into the back of the net.

Phil Moss attempted to reignite a deflated Mariners side with some early second half substitutions by introducing midfielders Cernak, Vernes and Trifiro. Trifiro came close in the 67th minute, moments before Nick Montgomery's sending off. Despite the numerical disadvantage the Mariners continued to fight with Anthony Caceres having a strong case for a penalty waved away. Adelaide continued to threaten on the counter attack with Mabil coming close to extending their lead.

It's back to the drawing board for the Mariners however youngster Michael Neill did his reputation no harm with an impressive game at left back in only his third A-league appearance. Hungarian midfielder Richard Vernes was lively off the bench with Phil Moss indicating that could be line for his first start for the club.

Josep Gombau praised his side's effort after the match whilst dismissing J-league speculation by insisting that his Adelaide project was unfinished. The win was Adelaide's third away victory from three attempts this season leaving them in a confident mood ahead of visit to Melbourne.

Central Coast Mariners



Adelaide United



2

MATCH DETAILS

Central Coast Mariners 0
Adelaide United 2 (Pablo Sanchez 40', 43')

Central Coast Stadium, Gosford

Attendance: 6,404

Referee: Jarred Gillett

Central Coast Mariners Fc: 2. Storm Roux, 3. Josh Rose, 5. Zac Anderson, 7. John Hutchinson (C) (18. Glen Trifiro 65'), 8. Nick Montgomery, 9. Mitchell Duke (23. Isaka Cernak 46'), 10. Anthony Caceres, 11. Nick Fitzgerald, 12. Liam Reddy (Gk), 15. Matthew Sim (17. Richard Vernes 57'), 21. Michael Neill

Substitutes Not Used: 1. Matthew Nash (Gk), 25. Eddy Bosnar

Yellow Cards: Roux, Montgomery X2, Rose, Reddy

Red Cards: Montgomery

Adelaide United Fc: 1. Eugene Galekovic (Gk) (C), 2. Michael Marrone, 3. Nigel Boogaard, 5. Osaka Malik, 7. Pablo Sanchez (4. Dylan McGowan 74'), 8. Isaias, 9. Sergio Cirio, 16. Craig Goodwin, 18. James Jeggo, 21. Tarek Elrich (24. Bruce Kamau 67'), 22. Fabio Ferreira (17. Awer Mabil 60')

Substitutes Not Used: 14. Cameron Watson, 30. John Hall (Gk)

Yellow Cards: Jeggo, Malik, Marrone
Red Cards: Nil

A-LEAGUE TEAM OF THE WEEK ROUND 07


Youssef Hersi

Josh Risdon
Perth Glory

Despite giving away a late penalty Risdon impressed, especially with a pinpoint cross to Andy Keogh for the Glory's second goal.

Osama Malik
Adelaide United

Josep Gombau's side struggled for fluency in Gosford, but thanks to Malik the Adelaide goal was rarely threatened.

Nathan Coe
Melbourne Victory

Picked up back to back clean sheets for the first time in a year with a solid performance against the Roar


Leigh Broxham

Leigh Broxham
Melbourne Victory

Continues to enhance his reputation with another assured performance in the heart of defence on Friday night.

Tarek Elrich
Adelaide United

One of the form players of the season, Elrich once again starred for Adelaide, playing well in defence and setting up the second goal of the game.

Youssef Hersi
Perth Glory

Finally being played in his preferred position on the right flank, the Dutch winger is thriving and caused problems all game against Wellington.

Vitor Saba
Wanderers

Played his best game in red and black against the Jets, showing some fine skill and setting up Tomi Juric's goal.

Terry Antonis
Sydney FC

There is not much Antonis can do wrong at the moment and once again he sparkled for the Sky Blues in central midfield, this time in their victory over Melbourne City.

David Carney
Newcastle Jets

He has experienced some patchy form, but Carney was an ever-present threat against the Wanderers, giving Shannon Cole a tough time on the left side.

Pablo Sanchez
Adelaide United

The Spaniard is slowly finding his feet in Australia and scored twice on Sunday to give his side a win against the Mariners.

Marc Janko
Sydney FC

The lanky Austrian striker poached two goals against Melbourne City on Saturday night to lead his team to victory and keep pace with the rest of the top four.


Marc Janko

Match Day Feature

TIME'S RIPE FOR STUBBINS TO SHINE IN THE BIG TIME

No stranger to big game derbies, Newcastle Jets coach Phil Stubbins prepares for F3 Derby action this weekend, and what better time to prove his worth in the A-League.

By Damir Kulas

It's fair to say that it has been a long way to the top for Phil Stubbins in coaching terms. After years of patiently awaiting his chance for a senior coaching gig at A-League, the English born former NSL midfielder was given the managerial hot seat at the Newcastle Jets. However just six games into his tenure, pressure was mounting on Stubbins to the Jets fortunes around after an embarrassing 4-0 home defeat to the struggling Brisbane Roar. His coaching credentials and tactics were being questioned, with a repeat showing against the formidable Wanderers at Pirtek sure to increase the pressure on the under fire manager. A solid 1-1 result on the back of a committed performance saw the Jets claim a respectable point with Stubbins surely to take out plenty of positives from the match. The centre back pairing of veterans Kew Jaliens and Adrian Madaschi was a far cry from the disjointed defensive display from the week before. Meanwhile David Carney and Marcos Flores finally stepped up to the occasion and showcased some of the form that made them a Soccerroo and Johnny Warren Medallist respectively.

All this must have been music to the ears of Stubbins. However the reality is that the Jets are still winless in seven attempts this week, are ninth on the ladder and in desperate search of their first victory of the season. This week's F3 derby provides the club with a perfect template to do so and in the process overtake the Mariners on the ladder. For the coach it will be a long overdue victory and one which he would hope will kick-start their season.

It would be a shame if Stubbins were not to be given much time in the Hunter considering how long he has waited for senior coaching position in the top flight of Australian football. After migrating to Australia in 1988 from Hull, where the midfielder began his career for Hull City, Stubbins became an integral component of Heidelberg United's NSL side before spending time at South Melbourne and in Malaysia and Japan.

His coaching career began in the Victorian State Leagues where after successful spells with modest outfits Westvale Olympic and the Whittlesea Stallions where he won numerous trophies before returning back to Heidelberg where he became their senior team manager in 2004. He gained promotion to the Victorian top flight in his first season before



taking the side all the way to the Grand Final in his second season. The following year he took over at the struggling Richmond whom he led to mid table security in successive seasons.

It was not long before his coaching credentials started attracting attention with the recently appointed Adelaide United manager Aurelio Vidmar offering Stubbins the Assistant Manager's position. The English-born Aussie duly accepted and over the next three years was Vidmar's trusted right-hand man as the Reds reached the

Grand Finals of both the A-League and more memorably the Asian Champions League. However after being overlooked for the top job as the club appointed Dutchman Rini Coolen, the former Victorian Coach of the Year left the club.

After a brief spell in Canberra at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), Stubbins moved to Thailand where he established a reputation as a quality manager after three different spells with local clubs Police United (where he worked as the club's Technical Director), Bangkok Glass and minnows Ayutthaya who he safely steered away from relegation and into 8th place (in the 16 team league).

Upon returning to Australia, Stubbins applied for the vacant managerial position at the Jets with his football philosophy and aspirations winning over Jets management who handed him the top managerial position ahead of several local and foreign candidates. Although he has endured a slow start to his A-League managerial career, Stubbins has not been helped by a lack of home games (due to pitch resurfacing at Hunter Stadium) and injuries to key players such as Adrian Madaschi and Billy Celeski. He has also taken over a squad which lost the likes of Adam Taggart, Emile Heskey and Michael Bridges with new players such as Edson Montano, Marcos Flores and Jeronimo Neumann needing time to settle in before we see the best out of them.

Jets fans will be hoping that last Saturday's fixture against the Wanderers is a sign of things to come with a gallant display to be expected from the side in the coming weeks. The club has not reached the finals since the 2009/10 season and if Stubbins can get the best out of his chargers and get them on a winning run, then they might just be able to quash this statistic come seasons end. A win against their bitter rivals come this Saturday can be just the spark the Jets need to begin such a revival.

Football Almanac

This week in the month of Nov/Dec in the world of football.

28th November 1954 - 1st pro football game in Netherlands was contested between Alkmaar and Venlo. Willem II wins the inaugural title. Eredivisie forms in 1956. Ajax (33) has won the most titles followed by PSV Eindhoven (21) and Feyenoord (14).

29th November 1973 - **Ryan Giggs**, former Manchester United and Wales midfielder is born in Cardiff. He won 13 Premier League winner's medals, four FA Cup winner's medals, three League Cup winner's medals and two Champions League winner's medals. He has two runner-up medals from the Champions League, three FA Cup finals and two League Cup finals.

30th November 1983 - Socceroo and Newcastle Jets forward **David Carney** born in Sydney, Australia.

30th November 1872 - The first ever international football game was played. It was between Scotland and England. The match took place at West of Scotland Cricket Club's ground at Hamilton Crescent in Partick, Scotland. The match finished in a 0-0 draw and was watched by 4,000 spectators.

1st December 2012 - **Mike Mulvey** was appointed Head Coach at Brisbane Roar Football Club.

1st December 1964 - **Salvatore Schillaci** born, commonly referred to by his nickname Totò is a former Italian football player. During his club career, he played for Messina (1982-1989), Juventus (1989-1992), Internazionale (1992-1994) and Júbilo Iwata (1994-1997). At international level he was the surprise star of the 1990 FIFA World Cup. Coming on as substitute in Italy's first game, Schillaci went on to score six goals throughout the World Cup, claiming the Golden Boot as the leading goalscorer, and received the Golden Ball as player of the tournament ahead of established stars Lothar Matthäus and Diego Maradona who came second and third. Schillaci retired in 1999. Today he lives back in his native Palermo, where he owns a youth academy of football.

2nd December 1907 - English Professional Football Players' Association forms.

Ryan Giggs



David Villa



2nd December 1968 - **David Batty** born. He is most famous for playing for Leeds United, Blackburn Rovers and Newcastle United. He suffered a broken foot which ruled him out of the majority of Blackburn's title winning campaign in 1994-95, only playing 5 games for them that season. He refused a winners medal at the end of the season, stating that his contribution had been minimal. He won 42 caps for the England, and represented at UEFA Euro 1992 and the 1998 World Cup, when he missed the crucial penalty kick in the penalty shootout against Argentina, resulting in his England side losing.

3rd December 1981 - **David Villa** born. An integral member of the Spain teams that won Euro 2008 and the 2010 World Cup. He scored three goals at the 2006 World Cup, was the top scorer at Euro 2008 and earned the Silver Boot at the 2010 World Cup. He is the first Spanish player to ever reach 50 international goals and retired from internationals after the 2014 World Cup with 59 in 97 matches, making him Spain's all-time top goalscorer as well as the country's top scorer in the World Cup with 9 goals.

4th December 1959 - **Paul McGrath** born. Retired defender who played from 1981 until 1998 for Aston Villa and Manchester United. A tough tackler and brilliant reader of the game, despite persistent problems with his knees. He also played for St Patrick's Athletic, Derby County and Sheffield United. A long-time member of the Republic of Ireland national team (83 caps), he appeared at the 1990 and 1994 FIFA World Cups, as well as UEFA Euro 1988, the team's first-ever international tournament.

Toto Schillaci





Melb Victory v Adelaide Utd

Fri 28 Nov AAMI Park 7:30 PM



1. Nathan Coe
2. Jason Geria
4. Nick Ansell
5. Mark Milligan (captain)
6. Leigh Broxham (vice-captain)
7. Gui Finkler
8. Besart Berisha
9. Kosta Barbarouses
10. Archie Thompson
11. Connor Pain
13. Andrew Nabbout
14. Fahid Ben Khalfallah
15. Daniel Georgievski
16. Rashid Mahazi
17. Matthieu Delpierre
18. Dylan Murnane
20. Lawrence Thomas
21. Carl Valeri
22. Jesse Makarounas
23. Adrian Leijer (2nd vice-captain)
24. Scott Galloway
26. Jordan Brown



The Odds	Head to Head
Melb Victory 2.20	Played 31
Draw 3.40	Victory 15
Adelaide Utd 3.10	Draw 6
	Adelaide 10

Kiss of Death
Victory 2-1 Adelaide

1. Eugene Galekovic (captain)
2. Michael Marrone
3. Nigel Boogaard
4. Dylan McGowan
5. Osama Malik
6. Cássio (vice-captain)
7. Pablo Sánchez
8. Isaías
9. Cirio
10. Marcelo Carrusca
11. Bruce Djite
12. Mark Ochieng
13. Dylan Smith
14. Cameron Watson
15. Ben Warland
16. Craig Goodwin
17. Awer Mabil
18. James Jeggo
20. Paul Izzo
21. Tarek Elrich
22. Fábio Ferreira
23. Jordan Elsey
24. Bruce Kamau
30. John Hall
32. Nathan Konstandopoulos

Unbeaten records at stake

Kristian Stojanov

Two of the A-League's undefeated sides will face off in one of the biggest games of the season on Friday night at AAMI Park as Melbourne Victory will look to claim all three points on home soil against an attacking Adelaide United.

Melbourne Victory coach Kevin Muscat expects Adelaide to play its usual attacking style at AAMI Park as the two sides face off for the second time this season.

"I have no doubt and I think everyone should be looking forward to this match," Muscat said.

"They (the crowd) will see two proactive teams that want to play, both teams want to keep possession of the ball, both teams want to press and the styles are very, very similar and it will be interesting who comes out on top."

Melbourne Victory are coming off a scrappy 1-0 win over Brisbane Roar but the side has also been boosted by completing back-to-back clean sheets according to returning star skipper Mark Milligan.

"Something that we've done in the past weeks which we haven't done in a long time is keep back-to-back clean sheets, which we take a lot of confidence in. Especially coming home again this Friday night in what we know is going to be a very tough match," Milligan said.

The match between the two sides earlier this season saw them play out a 1-1 draw at Adelaide Oval in front of a record-breaking crowd for football in Adelaide. The match produced late goals from Adelaide's Sergio Cirio before Victory's Fahid Ben Khalfallah equalised in the 89th minute.

Adelaide United haven't beaten Mel-

bourne Victory in its own backyard since that 4-1 trouncing at AAMI Park in 2011 ending their 10-game losing streak against its rivals.

Adelaide have been superb in recent weeks, with Carrusca out still being able to go away to Central Coast and claim all three points.

Both sides' key strengths come from their wingers. For Adelaide, Cirio is in formidable form and Ferreira played a very good game last week against the Mariners. Fahid Ben Khalfallah has been one of Melbourne's best players this season playing out from the wing, determining this by keeping out another inform winger in Kosta Barbarouses.

Melbourne Victory will be wearing a specially commissioned 10-year anniversary kit for this occasion in what promises to be an attacking and fiery encounter.

• In 2006/07 and 2007/08 Melbourne Victory were undefeated in their first seven games but went on to lose their eighth fixture both times. Both of those defeats came at the hands of Adelaide United.

• Adelaide have not gone eight in a row unbeaten since they went 11 without defeat at the start of the 2011/12 campaign.



Brisbane Roar v Perth Glory

Sat 29 Nov Suncorp 4:00 PM



1. Michael Theo (Gk)
2. Matt Smith (C)
3. Shane Stefanutto
4. Adam Sarota
5. Corey Brown
6. George Lambadaridis
7. Mensur Kurtišhi
8. Steven Lustica
10. Henrique
11. Liam Miller
12. Carlos Solorzano
13. Jade North
14. Daniel Bowles
15. James Donachie
16. Devante Clut
17. Matt McKay
18. Luke Brattan
19. Jack Hingert
20. Kofi Danning
21. Jamie Young (Gk)
22. Thomas Broich
23. Dimitri Petratos
27. Ben Litfin
28. Brandon Borrello
29. Patrick Theodore



1. Danny Vukovic
2. Jack Clisby
3. Brandon O'Neill
5. Rostyn Griffiths
6. Dino Dulbic
7. Youssef Hersi
8. Ruben Zadkovich
9. Andy Keogh
10. Nebojša Marinkovic
11. Richard Garcia
13. Diogo Ferreira
14. Chris Harold
15. Jamie Maclaren
16. Sidnei
17. Mitch Nichols
18. Jack Duncan
19. Joshua Risdon
20. Daniel De Silva
21. Scott Jamieson
22. Cameron Edwards
23. Michael Thwaite (Captain)
24. Matthew Davies
25. Riley Woodcock
26. Harry O'Brien
30. Jordan Thurtell

The Odds	Head to Head
Brisbane Roar 2.20	Played 28
Draw 3.40	Brisbane 16
Perth Glory 3.10	Drawn 6
	Perth Glory 6

Kiss of Death
Brisbane Roar 2-2 Perth Glory

Post-Mulvey Life Begins for Roar

Jarrod Ellis

After a tumultuous week the now Frans Thijssen lead Brisbane Roar will be hoping to put the Mike Mulvey scandal behind them when they take on Perth Glory this Saturday.

With Thijssen now in charge and reportedly set to have the club train and play in a manner more pleasing to Director of Football Ken Stead it will be interesting to see how the Roar approach the match.

Last weekend Brisbane was quite happy to concede the majority of possession to Melbourne Victory and sit back in defence. With Mulvey now removed it would seem likely that the club hierarchy wishes the team to play in a style more reminiscent of the Postecoglou era.

Should that be the case then the fluid front three that Mulvey had been attempting to develop will likely return to a more structured system along with there being a greater emphasis placed on retaining possession.

Perth is a direct contrast to Brisbane's role as the A-League's current crisis club. So often in recent seasons the Glory has failed to live up to expectations but the Western Australia club is currently sitting atop the table with six wins from seven matches.

One of those wins was against Brisbane, a 3-2 victory back in Round Two. Andy Keogh was the hero that day, a hat-trick that was completed in the 92nd minute to deny the visiting Roar a point.

Keogh was on the scoresheet again

last weekend in the 2-1 win over Wellington Phoenix and he'll be relishing the chance to play a Roar defence low on confidence. The Irish striker has adapted quickly to the A-League and should he continue his early season form then he could prove to be the buy of the season.

Kenny Lowe spoke during the week of his desire for his team to remain focused and he'll no doubt be hoping that Mulvey's departure won't give added motivation for his opponents on Saturday evening.

Glory's hopes of continuing its reign at the top of the A-League will be boosted by the return of Jamie Maclaren from international duty whilst Sidnei is also a chance to have recovered from his own injury troubles by the weekend.

- In their last 20 league A-League games, Brisbane have kept just three clean sheets.

- Brisbane have won four of their last five home games against Perth, losing the other.



Wanderers v Sydney FC

Sat 29 Nov Pirtek 7:45 PM



1. Ante Covic
2. Shannon Cole
3. Daniel Mullen
4. Nikolai Topor-Stanley (Captain)
5. Brendan Hamill
6. Antony Golec
7. Labinot Haliti
8. Tomi Juric
10. Vitor Saba
11. Brendon Santalab
12. Nikita Rukavytsya
13. Matthew Spiranovic
14. Kwabena Appiah
15. Yianni Perikatis
17. Romeo Castelen
18. Iacopo La Rocca
19. Mark Bridge
20. Dean Bouzanis
22. Seyi Adeleke
23. Jason Trifiro
31. Alusine Fofanah
32. Daniel Alessi
34. Golgol Mebrahtu



The Odds	Head to Head
Wanderers 2.40	Played 7
Draw 3.40	Wanderers 3
Sydney FC 2.75	Drawn 1
	Sydney FC 3

Kiss of Death
Wanderers 2-1 Sydney FC

1. Ivan Necevski
2. Sebastian Ryall
3. Saša Ogdenovski (vice captain)
4. Pedj Bojic
5. Matthew Jurman
6. Nikola Petkovic (vice captain)
7. Corey Gameiro
8. Miloš Dimitrijevic
9. Shane Smeltz
11. Bernie Ibini-Isei
12. Hagi Gligor
13. Alex Gersbach
14. Alex Brosque (captain)
16. Chris Naumoff
17. Terry Antonis
18. Peter Triantis
19. Nick Carle
20. Vedran Janjetovic
21. Marc Janko
22. Ali Abbas
23. Rhyan Grant
30. Anthony Bouzanis

Wanderers seek derby revenge

Bryson Ferreira

This week's Sydney derby takes on epic proportions, but for reasons not experienced in previous years.

Despite the Wanderers bringing home the coveted Asian Champions league, they enter the second derby of the year without an A-League win in six attempts.

Sydney FC on the other hand are yet to register a loss after seven matches, having won four and drawn three, including a 3-2 victory against their biggest rivals in round two.

It's a stark contrast to previous seasons of Western dominance in not only the derby but on the table.

Over the past three years the Wanderers have reached two grand finals and achieved a Premier's Plate, all the while their big brother from down the M4 has struggled with inconsistency, off field issues and unrealistic expectations.

This week's derby will be the first time since the inception of their cross town rivals that Sydney FC look like the big brother club that should have, in previous years at least, dominated their younger Western rivals.

The management and coaching of Graham Arnold has brought an air of confidence back to Moore Park, not to mention a few very handy additions to an already talented roster.

This week's derby however, like so many around the world, won't be won or lost on form or position on the table.

The Wanderers, despite recent disappointing results, are only a result away from kick starting their season.

The foundations are there for a run into another finals series; only the tweaking of combinations between Saba, Juric, Rukavytsya and Castelen are the difference between disappointing draws and convincing goal-scoring victories.

Sydney FC will be looking to continue their good form, although they will miss the strike power and speed of Corey Gameiro, who was ruled for the season last week with an ACL injury.

However, Austrian International Mark Janko showed last week that the Sky Blues still have plenty of goals and talent up front.

The Sky Blues put three past the Wanderers in round two, but expect a far more resolute defensive effort from the Wanderers this week at home and with central pairing Topor-Stanley and Spiranovic back at the heart of defense.

Like any derby it's difficult to pick a winner, but this week both teams are due, the Wanderers for a win and Sydney FC for a loss.

Despite having more success in the Sydney derby so far, the Wanderers have always struggled at home, so this week's Sydney Derby may well be a game of firsts.

• The Wanderers' winless run of six matches (D2 L4) this season marks their worst run of form ever in the A-League (excl. finals).

• Sydney FC (W4 D3) have gone the first seven games of an A-League season unbeaten for the first time in their history.



Victory seeking to turn heads in Japan

Tournament Details

First round

Okayama Yunogo Belle v Melb Victory
16:10pm AEDT, Sunday November 30
Okayama, Japan

Semi-final

Arsenal Ladies FC v Okayama Yunogo Belle/Melbourne Victory
21:05 AEDT, Wednesday December 3
Ajinomoto Field Nishigaoka, Tokyo

Final

TBC v TBC

17:10 AEDT, Saturday December 6
Ajinomoto Field Nishigaoka, Tokyo

Melbourne Victory coach Joe Montemurro and his Westfield W-League reigning championship winning outfit are set to embark on what they hope will be the first of many trips to the International Women's Club Championship after jetting out of Melbourne on Thursday.

Melbourne, who qualified for the tournament as Australian champions face a tough quarter-final hit out against Japanese Nadeshiko League champion Okayama Yunogo Belle on Sunday.

With a finals berth now secured courtesy of its 4-0 win against Newcastle in the final match of the home-and-away season, there is plenty of motivation to approach the international tournament seriously, with Arsenal Ladies waiting in the semi-final, should the Melbourne side trump its Japanese opponents.

Montemurro, who himself has completed his UEFA Pro Licence via the Italian Football Federation is certain that his side will have done all of the necessary groundwork in the lead-up to the first match.

"I've done a little bit of reconnaissance on the squad," Montemurro said.

"They have the Japanese captain – the number ten. She's a classic number ten midfielder. They have other two Japanese internationals who are very technical. But there are some areas we'll be hoping to exploit. "Our philosophy is to play football – we're a passing side so we'll use that as our weapon."

It was only a handful of weeks ago that questions were being asked of the Victory, particularly in the fall out of its 1-0 defeat to Adelaide United.

Form has improved markedly for Montemurro and his side since that match, who have now claimed three straight wins on the trot, which means that they will finish at least fourth.

This came as a relief to the squad, which now need not cast an eye over other results in the league, which would have determined its fate in the absence of the win against the Jets.

News that the ABC will be ceasing its coverage of the W-League from next season onwards comes as a bitter blow for the country's premier competition, which has had one match broadcast each week for a number of years.

This leaves the door ajar in the meantime for another broadcaster who would be now willing to take the reigns.

This is something that the former South Melbourne assistant believes won't detract overseas players from coming to play in Australia, nor would it have a detrimental impact on the quality of the league.

"Players come for all different reasons – whether they're in the off season and want to play in a quality competition or whether they're approaching national team and want to play at a higher level," he said.

"I think the high level of competition will make it important for players to come, as the W-League is of a very high standard.

"We'll just hope that someone will pick it up and go from there as there's a lot of growth in women's football.



Glory Youth Flying High

Perth Glory Football Club is not just top of the Hyundai A-League and Westfield W-League, but the clubs youngsters are top of the Foxtel National Youth League. Under the guidance of former WAIS head coach John Gibson, the side has won five of their opening six games, and one of the players who have helped them to the summit is striker Joe Knowles.

The former ECU Joondalup academy product, has scored six goals this season and he is enjoying his time at the A-League club. "I'm enjoying my football this season, and it's good to be on the score sheet," Knowles said. "But the service from my team mates has been fantastic, and I must credit them for the amount of chances they are giving me." I think we have a really strong squad of 30 players this year all competing for places so the standard is really high. "We are a lot fitter this year also so we are able to dominate games. The players that have been brought in this year are high quality and the boys get on so well with each other which make them easy to play with."

The Glory youngsters headed to Brisbane last week, and in hot and humid conditions came away with a 2-0 win, putting them clear at the top of the table, and Knowles believes the win shows how far they have come, and are gelling well as a team. "I thought we started off really well, and raced to a two goal lead, which put us in the box seat," he said. "We scrambled and defended really well with a strong back four, and a win away from home is what you want."

London-born Knowles started his football career in the West Ham United junior set up, and made his way into the Hammers academy, before heading down under and signing for ECU Joondalup. But after joining the Glory's NPL side he hasn't looked back. "I love my football at the moment, and I'm basically living the life as a young

footballer," Knowles explained. "Training 4-5 times a week with a game on the weekend, and given the chance to fly all over Australia to play football you can't ask for anymore."

Knowles is first to acknowledge the work head Coach Gibson, Jacob Burns and Steven McGarry have had on the playing group, and believes they have helped him greatly in the next step of their football development. "The coaches are great to work with, and Gibbo had a plan and a way of football he wanted us to play when he came here and after a couple of months of hard work we are finding the rewards of this system," Knowles said. "Burnsy and Stevie are also great to work with, two ex-professionals who could easily still be playing A-league football, and they are great to work with and learn from and become better player."

The 18-year-old made his WA State League debut for ECU Joondalup in 2013. The club have developed the likes of Chris Herd (Aston Villa) and Rhys Williams (Middlesbrough), and Knowles believes the club played a huge part in his development as a junior. "I'll always have time for ECU, because they made me the player who I am today," he explained. "I'm happy they gave me the chance to show what I could do in the state league and for believing in me, but I'm happy where I'm now and I'm loving football more than ever."

Glory entertains Melbourne Victory this week at the Ashfield Sports Club on Sunday morning and Knowles believes they can continue their good form, but is expecting another tough encounter. "Melbourne Victory will always be a strong team so it's going to be a tough game," Knowles said. "But i think the boys have been playing quality lately and putting in the hard yards on the training ground so I see no reason why we can't grab the three points off them this time round and stay at the top of the table."



Wellington Phoenix v Melb City

Sun 30 Nov Westpac 5:00 PM

1. Glen Moss
2. Manny Muscat
3. Reece Caira
4. Roly Bonevacia
5. Michael Boxall
6. Josh Brindell-South
7. Kenny Cunningham
8. Alejandro Gorriñ
9. Nathan Burns
10. Michael McGlinchey
11. Jeremy Brockie
12. Tyler Boyd
13. Albert Riera
14. Alex Rufer
15. Jason Hicks
16. Louis Fenton
17. Vince Lia
18. Ben Sigmund (vice-captain)
19. Tom Doyle
20. Lewis Italiano
21. Roy Krishna
22. Andrew Durante (captain)
23. Matthew Ridenton



The Odds	Head to Head
Phoenix 2.25	Played 12
Draw 3.40	Phoenix 5
Melb City 3.00	Drawn 4
	Melb City 3

Kiss of Death
Phoenix 3-1 Melb City

1. Andrew Redmayne
3. Robbie Wieleaert
4. Connor Chapman
5. Erik Paartalu
6. Aaron Mooy
7. Iain Ramsay
8. Massimo Muroccia
9. David Villa
10. Robert Koren
11. Damien Duff
13. Jonatan Germano
14. James Brown
15. David Williams
17. Jason Hoffman
18. Paulo Retre
19. Benjamin Garuccio
20. Tando Velaphi
21. Stefan Mauk
22. Nick Kalmar
23. Mate Dugandzic
24. Patrick Kisnorbo
25. Jacob Melling
26. Marc Marino

Phoenix prepare for City visit

Joe Gallagher

Two weeks and several thousand miles since their last outing at home, this year's Wellington Phoenix remain typically difficult to compartmentalise.

Ernie Merrick has overseen two consecutive losses which have, in the minds of many, relegated the Phoenix from contender status to the inevitable scramble for the final few playoffs spots.

One of those likely to be among that pack are Melbourne City, who might struggle to cling to sixth spot after the weekend, should they fail to collect points across the ditch in a match usually expected to sort the recipients of the wooden spoon from ninth spot. City's start to the campaign hasn't quite been what was expected of the club after the rebranding, squad strengthening and marquee recruit-

ment of the off-season.

Wellington football fans had pencilled in late November for the visit of World Cup-winning David Villa but with the Spaniard's inclusion in the league over, Melbourne can now focus on their squad as a whole, and targeting the playoffs after a scruffy opening month-and-a-half to the season.

One win from seven efforts has been enough for John van't Schip's side to remain in the hunt, emphasising the growing chasm between the A-League's haves and have-nots this term.

Leading the latter, it seems, is Wellington, which failed to register a single point in back-to-back trips to the league leading Perth Glory and Adelaide United, but cling to fifth spot for another week.

Merrick will welcome back the creativity of Michael McGlinchey, who missed the Australian tour due

to international duty and the birth of his daughter, but might pause before settling on two wing-backs to take on City on Sunday.

Perhaps with the memory of last season's 5-0 home drubbing at the hands of the then Melbourne Heart fresh in his mind, Merrick will be keen to keep a rare clean sheet in his bid to navigate a return to the winners' circle.

His opposite number is still without Jonatan Germano, Robert Koren and Massimo Muroccia through injury and shares some of Merrick's concerns. Van't Schip's side are yet to keep a clean sheet this term despite registering more shots on goal than any other side in the competition.

With van't Schip and right-back Jason Hoffman calling for City to adopt a more ruthless winning culture, perhaps a return to the scene of their most comprehensive victory is just what the doctor ordered.

• None of Wellington's last 11 league games have ended in a draw (W3 L8).

• City have won just one of their last eight games against Phoenix (W4 D3), though this was a 5-0 away success in February.



Newcastle Jets v Mariners

Sun 30 Nov Hunter Stadium 5:00 PM



1. Mark Birighitti (Gk)
2. Scott Neville
3. Taylor Regan
4. Kew Jaliens (C)
5. Ben Kantarovski
6. Adrian Madaschi
7. Jeronimo Neumann
8. Zenon Caravella
9. Joel Griffiths
10. Marcos Flores
11. Andrew Hoole
12. Sam Gallagher
13. Edson Montano
14. Billy Celeksi
15. Josh Barresi
16. Jacob Pepper
17. James Virgili
18. Allan Welsh
19. Mitch Cooper
20. Ben Kennedy (Gk)
21. Sam Galloway
22. Jonny Steele
23. David Carney
25. Brandon Lundy
30. John Solari (Gk)



The Odds	Head to Head
Jets 2.30	Played 28
Draw 3.30	Jets 7
Mariners 3.00	Drawn 10
	Mariners 11

Kiss of Death
Jets 1-1 Mariners

1. Matthew Nash
2. Storm Roux
3. Joshua Rose
5. Zac Anderson
6. Brent Griffiths
7. John Hutchinson (C)
8. Nick Montgomery
9. Mitchell Duke
10. Anthony Caceres
11. Nick Fitzgerald
12. Liam Reddy
14. Malick Mané
15. Matthew Sim
16. Liam Rose
17. Richárd Vernes
18. Glen Trifiro
19. Matt Simon
20. Anthony Kalik
21. Michael Neill
22. Tom Slater
23. Isaka Cernak
24. Hayden Morton
25. Eddy Bosnar
26. Kim Seung-yong

F3 Rivals to Resume Hostilities

Shaun Dias

The Jets and the Mariners will resume F3 derby hostilities in the league's oldest and fiercest rivalry on Sunday afternoon in what is sure to be another feisty encounter. This has all the hallmarks of being one of the more intense derbies due to the great need of both sides to take away all three points. Newcastle is currently winless and has been through one of the most tumultuous periods in their history in the past few weeks. Newcastle's last home effort against the Roar was listless and embarrassing and led to many questions being asked about the desire and drive of Phil Stubbins and his men. An improved showing against the Western Sydney Wanderers last weekend in a 1-1 draw was encouraging,

but the Jets faithful will be looking for a consistency in effort and application before they truly start to believe again. The Mariners are going along just as poorly as the Jets, with their only victory of the season being over their derby rivals in the opening game of the season. They were lucky on that occasion, with the Jets looking the better of the sides, only to succumb to a 92nd minute winner from Mitchell Duke, albeit in controversial circumstances. Manager Phil Moss has continually said that he is happy with his team's performances, but the reality is that while the Mariners maintain possession well, they are struggling to create meaningful chances.

Add to that the Malick Mané incident, where he reportedly spoke of his team mates abilities in less than glowing terms during an FFA

Cup defeat before being released and it would seem that the Mariners is not the happiest place to be playing football at the moment.

Whether the Jets can take advantage of these perceived fragilities remains to be seen, but I wouldn't be surprised to see the Jets squeeze the Mariners high up the park in an effort to exploit these weaknesses.

If the Mariners can get through the first wave of Jets pressure then they could cause the Jets countless problems.

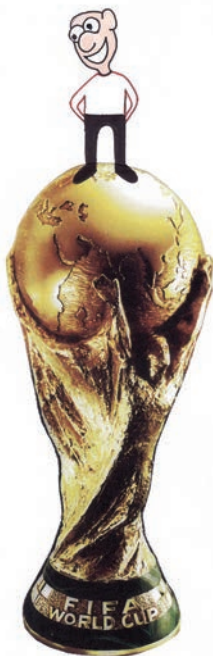
Adrian Madaschi and Kew Jaliens have looked far from stable at the back and players like Duke and Caceres must be relishing the opportunity to play in the space provided.

With both teams being desperate for a win, the chances of a draw must be high and is looking the likely result on Sunday afternoon.

• Central Coast are on a winless run of six matches (D2 L4), their last victory coming over their F3 derby rivals on the opening day of the season.

• Newcastle last went seven games without a win between December 2013 and February 2014.

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Katsa's Korner

George Katsamboukas

Foxtel's Andy Harper made a very interesting and used somewhat unique choice of words whilst he was calling the Melbourne Victory Vs Brisbane Roar game last week, describing the Roar's playing style as "constipated".

The Brisbane Roar Club Power-brokers reacted to Brisbane's poor start to the Season after their loss to Melbourne Victory, by terminating Manager Mike Mulvey's contract, in a move that may be described, following Harper's observation above, as perhaps adding some "fibre".

The handling of Mulvey's exit was also very interesting, in that it was leaked to the Media, before Mulvey was officially terminated by the Club. The Roar are now searching for the

source of this leak.

The Brisbane Roar fans are none too pleased with this decision, which is unusual, as fans are typically demanding change when the Team is not performing, it appears though that this is not the case with the Roar Fans, their reaction at their next home game could be quite interesting to say the least.

Mulvey may now be exploring his legal options following his dismissal, whilst the Roar are hoping to get their season back on track. Watch this space.

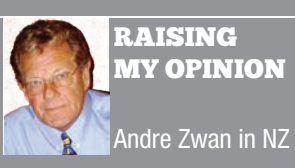
Football is a strange Game when it comes to Coaching Longevity, Mulvey did last Season win both the Premiers Plate and the Championship, his dismissal may cause a domino effect on other struggling clubs, with Manager's Moss, Stubbins and Van Schip possibly asking themselves what lies ahead for them, after all, if a reigning Championship Manager is dismissed, where does it leave them, based on their Teams Ladder positions thus far this Season?

The Pundits have continued their analysis of the Socceroo's performance thus far under Ange Postecoglou, following on from their loss to Japan, however Postecoglou continued to stick fat to his beliefs, and used one of his popular sayings, first used by him back in the nineties when he was appointed Coach at NSL Club, South Melbourne, and after a poor start, asked the fans to "Keep The Faith", this term has re appeared once again.

It was also interesting to note Postecoglou's reaction to Mark Bosnich during a recent interview, where Bosnich stated that "If Australia qualify for the next World Cup", Postecoglou dismissed the "if" with a "we will qualify for the next World Cup", here's hoping that he is correct, anything short of a World Cup qualification will set the game here, back, many years.

Until next week,

This is Katsa – Just as you have known him



RAISING MY OPINION

Andre Zwan in NZ

Football, the beautiful game, is gaining tract in rugby mad New Zealand. So much so in rugby dominated areas, schools now offer football as a sport to its students. The rugby hierarchy are not saying so publicly but they are concerned. A person deeply involved in Kiwi sport told me he had been instructed to concentrate on rugby and to lay off comparing its growth to football.

Official figures from Sport New Zealand shows a steady and promising increase in winter registrations at all levels. In 2011 there were 80 811 registered footballers. Today that figure has jumped to 89 000. Add to this summer league and school football registrations not affiliated to NZF and the figure

Football makes inroads in NZ

jumps to 112,500.

Most impressive when one considers that the population of New Zealand tops 4 million.

The surge in interest can be attributed to New Zealand's increasing migrant population as well as the All Whites' World Cup participation in South Africa and its international exposure. Add to this Wellington Phoenix improved run in the A-League.

Television exposure of EPL and UEFA Cup matches has also helped to generate a keen interest in the world's #1 sport. Even in the USA football is threatening the national game – baseball.

At a local match here I saw a 10-year old child wearing a Barcelona jersey with #10 Mesi on it. His grandmother told me that he reads loads of football magazines and watches games on TV....if and when allowed.

It is this grassroots interest that

must concern codes like the AFL and Rugby Union. The A-League has, in its 10 year history, gone from strength to strength. The standard and quality of the participants and professionalism in the boardroom has moved football through the pain barrier. Record crowds are attending. It's a real success story. I would like to suggest that we market the game in another bracket. Why not introduce a Super League like they have in rugby featuring an A-League X1, J-League X1 and ASEAN football e.g. national team representing that particular competition. The country of origin is waived.

In conclusion, following Australia and New Zealand recent international defeats why not organise a match between the Australian national team against the Rest of the A-League.

Could be a good ANZAC Day match.



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Saturday 29-Nov

Bundesliga **Freiburg v Stuttgart** 6:30 AM LIVE
 Sky Bet Championship **Charlton v Ipswich** 11:15 PM LIVE

Sunday 30-Nov

Sky Bet Championship **Middlesbrough v Blackburn** 2:00 AM LIVE
 Bundesliga **Hoffenheim v Hannover** 4:30 AM LIVE
 Serie A **Chievo v Lazio** 6:45 AM LIVE
 Bundesliga **Hertha Berlin v Bayern Munich** 10:35 AM Delayed
 Bundesliga **Leverkusen v Cologne** 12:25 PM Delayed
 Scottish Cup **Rangers v Kilmarnock** 11:45 PM LIVE

Monday 1-Dec

Scottish Cup **Hearts v Celtic** 2:15 AM LIVE
 Serie A **Roma v Inter** 6:45 AM LIVE
 Bundesliga **Wolfsburg v Monchengladbach** 11:10 AM Delayed
 Bundesliga **Frankfurt v Dortmund** 1:00 PM Delayed

Tuesday 2-Dec

Serie A **Sampdoria v Napoli** 7:00 AM LIVE



English Premier League

Sat Nov 29 West Brom v Arsenal
 11.30 pm Fox 4
Sun Nov 30 Liverpool v Stoke
 1.50 am Fox 4
Sun Nov 30 Man Utd v Hull
 1.50 am Fox 5
Sun Nov 30 Burnley v Aston Villa
 1.50 am Viewers Choice
Sun Nov 30 QPR v Leicester
 1.50 am Viewers Choice
Sun Nov 30 Swansea v C Palace
 1.50 am Viewers Choice
Sun Nov 30 W Ham v Newcastle
 1.50 am Viewers Choice
Sun Nov 30 S'land v Chelsea
 4.20 am Fox 4
Mon Dec 1 Southampton v Manchester City
 12.20 am Fox 4
Mon Dec 1 Tottenham v Everton
 2.50 am Fox 4

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Fri Nov 25 7.30 pm
 Fri Dec 2 7.30 pm

La Liga

Sat Nov 29 Real Sociedad v Elche
 6.40 am Fox 4
Sun Nov 30 Espanyol v Levante
 3.55 am Fox 5
Sun Nov 30 Malaga v R Madrid
 5.55 am Fox 5
Sun Nov 30 Celta Vigo v Eibar
 7.55 am Fox 4
Sun Nov 30 Atl Madrid v Deportivo
 9.55 pm Fox 4
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 6.55 am Fox 4
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 6.40 am Fox 4

A-League

Fri Nov 28 Vitory v Adelaide
 7.30 pm Fox 4
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 5.00 pm Fox 4
Sat Nov 29 Wanderers v Sydney
 7.45 pm Fox 4
Sun Nov 30 Phoenix v Melb City
 3.00 pm Fox 4
Sun Nov 30 Jets v Mariners
 5.00 pm Fox 4

Asian Cup Countdown

43 Days To Go!

Socceroos fans to fear not, maintains Postecoglou



Shaun Moran

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A calendar year that will go down as the Australian national team's share those record on the basis of losses would have even the most positive of optimists mulling with apprehension in the lead up to the rapidly approaching Asian Cup.

Ange Postecoglou conversely sees no reason to share those fears, despite a second half fadeout against Japan in its most recent and final encounter ahead of the tournament kick-off.

The Socceroos were gallant in a first period that saw them retain possession and look comfortable overall against a Japan side that failed to properly test their opponents at times questionable rear-guard. Smiles were quickly wiped off after the break following an inspired Japanese resurgence that saw them take the game away from the visitors midway through the second stanza, courtesy of a goal each from Yasuyuki Konno and Shinji Okazaki.

Tim Cahill's consolation goal in the dying minutes was merely that – a consolation that did very little to allay concerns surrounding Australia's inertness in front of goal as it slipped to its eighth loss in 12 matches.

Notwithstanding all this, Postecoglou, who has embarked on a bold mission to revive Australia's fortunes claims that things are moving in the right direction ahead of the first test against Kuwait at AAMI Park on January 9.

"We had a plan post World Cup to try and expose some of

our less experienced players to a good level of football. We have done that," he said. "The performance for the most part shows we are certainly going to be ready for that first game."

A major defensive glitch that saw Keisuke Honda's floating delivery into the area bypass every Australian defender and ultimately lead to the first goal was a blatant demonstration of how simple errors can cost dearly.

This was something that did not go unnoticed, according to the coach.

"It was the little details that let us down, which is unacceptable," he said.

"We talk about wanting to progress our football, but if we are going to be that sloppy about a key part of the game, set pieces, then it doesn't matter what we do, we are going to pay a price."

A multitude of players - which now sit at 44 have been churned in and out of the squad since Postecoglou took the reins.

The plethora of selections has provided Australian fans and staff alike with an eye-opening insight as to the talent pool at his disposal.

Aziz Behich, Mathew Leckie, Massimo Luongo have all shone, yet it is the route to goal which continues to irk. Tim Cahill's second half stoppage time goal was preceded by only one other sighting on goal after a full 90 minutes - once again emphasising the dependence on the latter but importantly also the absence of players who offer a genuine alternative.

With no more opportunities to fiddle, Postecoglou asserts that a number of absentees will plug the gaping hole. We will see come January.

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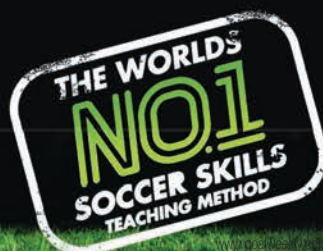
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Vadim Mazurskiy (R) and Moe Matar (L) celebrate a goal during Hume's first victory of the season.



Hume wins cellar dweller battle

Men's NIKE V-League

Our first Men's game of the round saw understrength Ashburton take on ladder leaders Pascoe Vale. A positive start for Ashburton quickly diminished as Pascoe came from a goal behind to lead 6-1 at the half time break. Pascoe let up on the scoring in the second half but still did enough to embarrass Ashburton 10-1 the final score. Next up we saw Vic Vipers in Jason Barrientos 150th game take on a new look Metropolitan side. It did not go according to script for the Vipers in the first half as they trailed 3-2 at half time. Metro went ahead 4-2 early in the second but could not hold on a late fightback from the Vipers and a last minute winner from Jonathan Barrientos sealed a fairytale finish for his brother Jason and the Vipers. Our next clash saw the only two winless sides go head to head. Hume had the better start as they got out to a 2-0 half time lead. Balwyn would battle back in the second half but the army had too much in their arsenal running out convincing 6-2 winners to get their season back on track. The final game of the night saw second placed Carlton take on

third placed Fitzroy. A tight first half saw Carlton edge the lead 3-2 at the break. Fitzroy levelled early in the half but were having problems scoring as Carlton banged in two late goals to seal a big 5-3 win.

Women's PEPSI League

Kicking off another round of women's v-league action we saw the Vipers take on Ashburton. In a tight first half Ashburton kept pace with the Vipers to have the score deadlocked at 1-1. The second half was much of the same as it took until the final minute when Zoe Stamatopoulos found the back of the net to get the Vipers back in the winners circle. Next up Richmond took on winless Carlton. Two sides who were in very different predicaments came together and it was clear Carlton would be no match as Richmond raced to a 5-0 lead at half time. The second half was much of the same as Richmond hit the net four more times to record a comfortable 9-0 victory. Our final game of the women's saw an understrength Melbourne Uni take on Brunswick. Like Richmond a convincing first half

NIKE V-League Ladder

Rank	Team	Played	Points
1	Pascoe Vale FC	7	18
2	FC Carlton	7	18
3	Fitzroy FC	7	13
4	Vic Vipers FC	7	13
5	Ashburton FC	7	7
6	Hume FC	7	6
7	Metropolitan FC	7	5
8	FC Balwyn	7	0

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Pascoe Vale FC

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30 Nov 6:00PM

Vic Vipers FC

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Ashburton FC

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Metropolitan FC

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FC Carlton

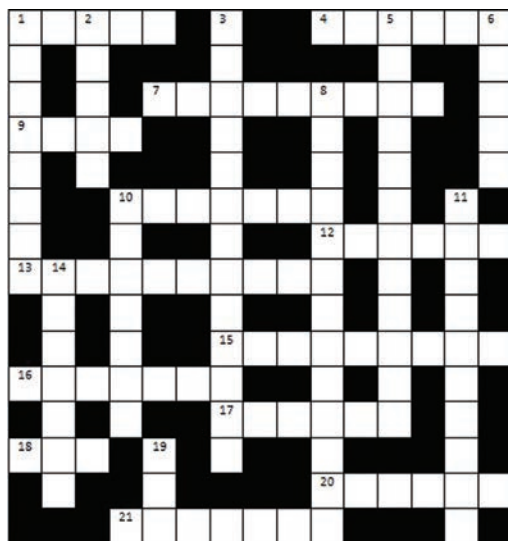
saw Melbourne lead 5-0 at the half. A slower second half as legs began to tire but it was already done and dusted as Melbourne comfortably won the game 7-0.

Soccer Sideshow

Answers On Page 37

Compiled By Peter Simcox

FOOTBALL



ACROSS:

Answers On Page 39

1. The first name of West Germany's captain in the 1974 World Cup Final winning team (5)
4. Western Sydney Wanderers defender, signed from K-League side Seongnam this season (6)
7. The nickname of the EPL side from the Stadium of Lights (5, 4)
9. The runners-up in last season Italian Serie A (4)
10. The nickname of Mark Hughes EPL club (7)
12. When players go to a club looking for a contract (6)
13. This EPL side play at Villa Park (5, 5)
15. Former England Coach Sven-Goran Eriksson coached this Italian club from 1992 to 1997 (9)
16. Surname of the Dutch defender from the Hunters Stadium (7)
17. The nickname of Socceroos skipper Mile Jedinak's EPL club (6)
18. First name of 16 down (3)
20. Italian Serie A club who won promotion in the Serie B play-off's last season (6)
21. New Zealand international striker from Wellington Phoenix, signed from Newcastle Jets in 2012 (7)

DOWN:

1. Perth Glory midfielder, signed from Brisbane Roar this season (8)
2. Tony _____, skipper of the Arsenal double winning side in 1997-98 (5)
3. The new interim coach at the Suncorp Stadium (5, 8)
5. Socceroo midfielder, who is on-loan at the nib Stadium from J-League club Cerezo Osaka (5, 7)
6. Former England international Paul Gascoigne played for this Italian club from 1992 to 1995 (5)
8. This EPL club plays at Selhurst Park (7, 6)
10. Ernie Merrick is the coach of this A-League side (7)
11. The man in charge of the EPL club from The Hawthorns (4, 6)
14. Alan _____, former Newcastle United great, who is the club all-time top goalscorer (6)
19. Harry Redknapp is the boss at this EPL club (1, 1, 1)

FOOTBALL PUB QUIZ



Brains Trust: Vic Brincat

1. What A League record did Rubin Zadkovic create in round 7.
2. Which referee was stood down following the Sydney FC vs Adelaide United FFA cup match.
3. Who was Sydney FC coach before Graham Arnold.
4. What stadium does Perth Glory play home matches at.
5. How many clubs participated in the first A League season in 2005-06.

Naughty boy
Question 1

6. Which three A League clubs did David Williams play for before join Melbourne City.
7. Western Sydney Wanderers has the same colours as which Brazilian club .
8. Name the three coaches Central Coast Mariners have had in their 10 year history.
9. Who was the A League top goal scorer in 2013-14.
10. Which team finished on top of the A League ladder in 2005-06.
11. How many coaches has Melbourne Victory had in their ten year history.
12. Who was Adelaide United's first foreign coach.
13. Who is Wellington Phoenix all time leading goal scorer.
14. Which Brisbane Roar player has won five A League championship medals.
15. Who were the two coaches to coach Gold Coast United.

Remember me?
Question 15

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Blast From The Past

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Mehmet Durakovic & Francis Awaritefe

Mehmet Durakovic of South Melbourne and Francis Awaritefe of the Melbourne Knights jostle for the ball in the 1989-90 NSL Melbourne derby.

Their paths would cross more than once in their respective football careers.

Though the Montenegrin-born Durakovic and English-born Awaritefe would have differing stints representing their adopted country - Durakovic's 64 caps for Australia between 1990-2002 in contrast to Awaritefe's three Socceroo caps - both men were mainstays of the NSL competition in the early '90s before 'Mem' ventured into the then-booming Malaysian league, becoming a fan-favourite at Selangor FA before returning to the NSL in 1998, and seeing out his playing days at his beloved South in 2004.

Upon retirement 'Frannie' joined SBS' football coverage, becoming one of the station's fan-favourite pundits before a stint as Melbourne Victory's Director of Football, coinciding with Mem's tenure as coach.

As Melbourne Victory's coach, he signed Isaka Cernak, Tando Velaphi, Marco Rojas, James Jeggo, Jean Carlos Solórzano, Harry Kewell, Fabio, Lawrence Thomas and Ante Covic.

Under the weight of expectation, particularly in the light of Kewell's arrival, Melbourne Victory started the 2011-12 A-League season poorly, failing to score in

their first three games and remaining without a win until Round 4.

As the season progressed, Melbourne Victory's performances remained inconsistent, and following successive away losses against Brisbane Roar and Central Coast Mariners which saw Victory fall to eighth position, in January 2012 Durakovic was sacked. Francis was also shown the door after a five month stint.

In November 2012, Durakovic was appointed as senior technical director at South Melbourne, before going full-circle and is now back again at Selangor FA as head coach.

Quiz Answers

1) Quickest sending off (17 seconds). 2) Ben Williams. 3) Frank Farina. 4) NIB Stadium. 5) Eight. 6) Queensland Roar, Queensland Fury and Sydney FC. 7) Flamengo. 8) Laurie McKenna, Graham Arnold and Phil Moss. 9) Adam Taggart, Newcastle Jets, 16 goals. 10) Adelaide United. 11) Five. (Ernie Merrick, Mehmet Durakovic, Jim Magilton, Ange Postecoglou, Kevin Muscat). 12) Rini Coolin. 13) Paul Ifill (33 goals). 14) Michael Theo. 15) Miron Bleiberg and Mike Mulvey.

ASK THE EXPERTS: Rd 08

THE VERDICT Victory 14-0 Adelaide Draw - 1 Brisbane 9-4 Glory Draw - 2
Wanderers 10-3 Sydney FC Draw - 2 **Phoenix 14-0 City Draw - 1** Jets 8-2 Mariners Draw - 5

Santo Cilauro 20

Draw
Draw
Wanderers
Wellington
Draw



Last week: 3

Santo, Sam & Ed Show

George Donikian 18

Victory
Glory
Sydney
Draw
Mariners



Last week: 2

Media Mogul

George Calombaris 18

Victory
Perth Glory
Sydney FC
Phoenix
Mariners



Last week: 3

No.1 Victory ticket holder

Andy Harper 17

Victory
Roar
Wanderers
Phoenix
Jets



Last week: 2

NSL Champ / Fox Sports

Ross Alatsas 17

Victory
Roar
Wanderers
Phoenix
Jets



Last week: 2

Radio Hellas 1422 3XY

Jimmy Campbell 21

Victory
Perth
Wanderers
Wellington
Newcastle



Last week: 3

Former Socceroo

Roger Sleeman 16

Victory
Perth
Draw
Wellington
Draw



Last week: 3

Tipping Champ 2013

John Doyle 17

Victory
Roar
Wanderers
Phoenix
Jets



Last week: 4

Original Captain Socceroo

Peter Katholos 20

Victory
Draw
Sydney FC
Wellington
Draw



Last week: 4

Former Socceroo

Eddie Krncevic 16

Victory
Roar
Wanderers
Phoenix
Jets



Last week: 1

Former Socceroo

Jimmy Rooney 17

Victory
Roar
Wanderers
Phoenix
Draw



Last week: 3

World Cup '74 Socceroo

John Perin 09

Victory
Roar
Wanderers
Phoenix
Jets



Last week: 2

Hall of Fame Socceroo

George Campbell 15

Victory
Brisbane Roar
Draw
Wellington
Draw



Last week: 3

Sth Melb & NSL Legend

Steve Blair 16

Victory
Roar
Wanderers
Phoenix
Jets



Last week: 3

Former Socceroo

Kiss Of Death 11

Victory
Roar
Wanderers
Phoenix
Jets



Last week: 4

GW Contributors

HOT

For the past few years, debate has intensified as to whether the A-League should be set up as a body independent from FFA control (as the Premier League is from the FA, & MLS from US Soccer) and the meeting of A-League club owners in Abu Dhabi last weekend won't have done much to dissuade from thinking such a move isn't on the agenda. Between that and the pressing issue of monies from the next FFA TV-rights deal, the A-League clubs are definitely more bullish - as they should be by now, in my opinion - about their economic potential than at any point in the league's history to date. Here's hoping the FFA acknowledge this and work with them for the better instead of using the dictatorial big-stick approach.

NOT

Mike Mulvey's sacking as Roar coach was a veritable shock, especially given his side's hefty defeat of the Jets the previous round. We all knew it was going to be a task for the Roar to regroup this season in the wake of Berisha's departure, for one - but as is common in football, someone is always made to take the rap...time will tell if there was indeed merit in this knee-jerk reaction, and I for one do hope Mulvey helms another A-League club sooner than later, for the competition is definitely poorer without astute gaffers like him.

By Alvaro Rodriguez

RESULTS

FFA CoE	0
Adelaide United	4
Brisbane Roar	0
Perth Glory	2
Melbourne City	2
Newcastle Jets	1
Melbourne Victory	3
Sydney FC	2
Western Sydney Wanderers	2
Central Coast Mariners	1

Next Round

Sat 29 Nov **Newcastle Jets v Central Coast Mariners** Rockwell Automation Park, Weston 11:00 AM

Sat 29 Nov **Melbourne City FC v Adelaide United** TBC 3:00 PM

Sun 30 Nov **Perth Glory v Melbourne Victory** Intiga Stadium, Inglewood 11:00 AM

Sun 30 Nov **Brisbane Roar FC v Sydney FC** TBC 3:00 PM

Wed 28 Jan **Western Sydney Wanderers FC v FFA Centre of Excellence** Campbelltown Stadium* 4:00 PM



Tom Whiteaise (Jeta) intercepts Ross Archibald (Melb City).

Photo: JOHN PUNSHON

Glory Youth's club trifecta

JORDAN LIM

Perth Glory Youth have clearly taken a leaf out of their senior compatriots book as they shored up top spot, while at the other end, Adelaide United jumped two spots with a first win in five starts. The 'Big Blue' stole the show however this week as Victory and Sydney played out a tense five-goal thriller.

Brisbane Roar dropped their chance to go equal top of the ladder after copping two early goals to a dogged Perth Glory outfit, who themselves go two points clear at the summit. Chris Harold continued his scoring form in both the seniors and the NYL with a 15th minute opener before the Roar shot themselves in the foot with an own goal moments later.

There was a much needed win for Adelaide United as they vindicated their four game losing streak by piling on a goal for each loss against the FFA Centre of Excellence. The 4-0 result

was a much-needed one as they leapfrogged Newcastle and Central Coast into seventh place.

In the process however, the two New South Wales based sides both lost for the third time all season. Newcastle Jets did it to the tune of 2-1 against the firing Melbourne City, where Wade Dekker consolidated Steve Whyte's own goal in the first half. Brandon Lundy once again tapped home to earn a consolation prize for the struggling Jets.

For the Mini Mariners, their loss of the same 2-1 margin came against the Western Sydney Wanderers who started on fire through starlet Jake Adelson. They soon added another just after the break before Anthony Kalik pulled one back late in an impressive display.

Last but certainly not least was the match of the round as Melbourne Victory trumped Sydney FC 3-2, with the Navy Blues coming from behind twice in front of their home support.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Perth Glory	6	5	0	1	14	7	+7	15
2 Melbourne City	6	4	1	1	12	6	+6	13
3 Western Sydney	6	4	0	2	9	8	+1	12
4 Sydney FC	5	3	0	2	12	6	+6	9
5 Melbourne Victory	6	2	2	2	10	11	-1	8
6 Newcastle Jets	5	2	1	2	11	8	+3	7
7 Brisbane Roar	6	2	1	3	3	8	-5	7
8 Adelaide United	6	2	0	4	7	8	-1	6
9 Central Coast	6	1	2	3	4	6	-2	5
10 FFA CoE	6	0	1	5	6	20	-14	1

Jacob Tratt's header put Sydney into a third minute lead before Andrew Nabbutt took his chance from the spot four minutes later to equalise. Christopher Gligor scored from point blank range on the hour mark to send Sydney into ecstasy before Nabbutt added a second. Not to be outdone, substitute George Howard profited from a defensive error to steal the game 12 minutes from time. Looking at this weeks fixtures and the Young Reds face the daunting task of travelling to the in-form Melbourne City to back up their drought breaking win, while Brisbane Roar vs. Sydney FC looks a great prospect on the Sunday afternoon.

Answers to Goal Weekly Crossword No1 – Across:: Franz, 4 Hamill, 7 Black Cats, 9 Roma, 10 Potters, 12 Trials, 13 Aston Villa, 15 Sampdoria, 16 Jaliens, 17 Eagles, 18 Kew, 20 Cesena, 21 Brockie

Down:: 1 Ferreira, 2 Adams, 3 Frans Thijssen, 5 Mitch Nichols, 6 Lazio, 8 Crystal Palace, 10 Phoenix, 11 Alan Irvine, 14 Shearer, 19 QPR

RESULTS

Melbourne Victory 4 (Rachael Quigley 23', 46', 69', Beattie Goad 31')
Newcastle Jets 0

Adelaide United 2 (Emily Condon 3', Alexandra Chidiac 73')
Western Sydney Wanderers 2 (Keelin Winters 26' pen, 63' pen)

THIS WEEK

Brisbane Roar V Canberra United
 Sat 29 Nov KO 02:00PM
 Suncorp Stadium

Sydney FC V Perth Glory
 Sun 30 Nov KO 03:00PM
 WIN Stadium

Victory keeper Brianna Davey snuffs out the danger posed by Emily Van Egmond (Jets).
 Photo: JOHN PUNSHON

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Perth Glory	10	9	0	1	33	8	+25	27
2 Melbourne Victory	12	6	2	4	26	15	+11	20
3 Sydney FC	10	5	2	3	15	9	+6	17
4 Canberra United	10	5	2	3	19	15	+4	17
5 Newcastle Jets	10	4	1	5	21	19	+2	13
6 Adelaide United	11	3	1	7	9	27	-18	10
7 Brisbane Roar	10	2	2	6	13	17	-4	8
8 Wanderers	11	2	2	7	13	39	-26	8

VICTORY INTO SEMI-FINALS

Russ Gibbs

Melbourne Victory booked their place in the Westfield W-League Semi-Finals with a 4-0 win over Newcastle Jets at Kingston Heath Soccer Complex in the first part of the split-round of action in the Westfield W-League. Victory, who heads to Japan for the International Women's Club Championship having completed their dozen league matches, proved too good for the Jets whose chances of making the top four have receded.

Rachael Quigley was the star of the show for the Victory, grabbing a hat-trick to move onto eight goals for the season. Victory's leading scorer opened her account in the 23rd minute and was on target again a minute into the second half. In between, youngster Beattie Goad had increased Melbourne's lead to 2-0 at the interval. Quigley completed her treble in the 69th minute to round of a superb personal performance.

The live ABC TV match turned into an entertaining fixture as Adelaide United and Western Sydney Wanderers shared the spoils in a 2-2 draw. Emily Condon rifled the Lady Reds into an early lead only for the Wanderers to be awarded the first of two soft penalties in the 26th minute. Keelin Winters coolly drew her team level from the spot.

Winters was spot-on again just past the hour when the Wanderers were gifted a second penalty by referee Lara Smith and the US star was never going to pass up the opportunity to score her fifth goal of the season. Adelaide deserved something from the match and they got it with seventeen minutes to play. Wanderers' keeper Trudy Burke half-dealt with a cross and, in the ensuing scramble, substitute Alexandra Chidiac scrambled the ball over the line from close range.

This weekend Canberra United makes the trip to Queensland to tackle Brisbane Roar whilst champions Perth

Glory are away to Sydney FC at WIN Stadium in Wollongong. The Jets meanwhile will hope to keep their season alive when they host Adelaide United at Jack McLaughlin Oval.

In disappointing news for the Westfield W-League the Football Federation Australia (FFA) this week received final confirmation of ABC TV's decision to cease broadcast of the Westfield W-League for the 2015/16 season as part of widespread budget cuts that affect sporting codes and competitions all over Australia.

In a statement the Federation commented: "FFA is disappointed with the decision to cut the broadcast of Australia's premier women's national sporting competition. The decision does not affect broadcast of the current Westfield W-League season or the on-going viability of the competition and FFA will work with all broadcasters to explore options to ensure the on-going coverage of the W-League."

COPA AMERICA DRAW OUT

Daniel Campos

Copa America is always one of the toughest tournaments in the world. With just 12 teams participating and so many good teams, there is no way to capture the crown of South America's best without going through a gauntlet, and 2015 will be no different.

Chile, as the host, were seeded for the draw, while Argentina and Brazil were also seeded because they were deemed the two best teams. That was known prior to this week's event, and after 90 minutes of pomp and circumstance then a quick draw, the rest of the tournament was sorted out too.

In Group A, Chile drew guest team Mexico. Jorge Sampaoli's Chile side will have a huge home field advantage, but Mexico may still be the favorites in the group with Carlos Vela in the fold. Ecuador another tough side and Bolivia round out Group A.

Group B features Argentina, who could not have been happy to see holders Uruguay drawn in with them. It won't be a full strength Uruguay, though. Luis Suárez is suspended for the tournament because of his bite at the World Cup so the draw isn't too bad for the Argentinians. Getting Paraguay makes things a little tougher as they were the best of the Pot 3 teams, but it's still manageable for Lionel Messi and his teammates.

The highlight of the group stage will be in Group C, where Brazil will take on Colombia in a World Cup rematch. Colombia are South America's third-best team and could very well win Copa America, while Brazil are going in a new direction under new manager Dunga. Toss in Neymar, Óscar, James Rodríguez and Falcao, and you have a treat.

The Chileans will be trying to win the Copa América for the first time - the oldest tournament in world



football. The draw was announced earlier this week.

The 12-nation tournament will be played in eight host cities - Antofagasta, Concepción, La Serena, Rancagua, Santiago, Temuco, Valparaíso and Viña del Mar.

CRUZEIRO CAMPEÃO!

Cruzeiro retained the Brazilian championship title last weekend as the reigning champion defeated Goias 2-1.

Once again led by Brazil international duo Ricardo Goulart and Everton Ribeiro as the Belo Horizonte-based outfit claimed back-to-back league titles with two rounds remaining. Cruzeiro holds an unassailable seven-point lead ahead of nearest rival São Paulo, who edged Santos 1-0. Leading striker Goulart got the ball rolling at the Estadio Governador Magalhães Pinto, glancing a header past Goias goalkeeper Renan in the 13th minute from Mayke's cross for his third goal in as many games. Goias, which had lost two games in a row prior to kick-off, was back on level terms 10 minutes later after Samuel fired a thunderous shot into the roof of the net.

However, Cruzeiro was not to be

denied a fifth consecutive league victory, midfielder Ribeiro restoring the home side's lead from close range in the 63rd minute as Marcelo Oliveira's men became the first team since São Paulo in 2007 to clinch consecutive titles.

Group A
Chile, Mexico,
Ecuador, Bolivia

Group B
Argentina, Uruguay,
Paraguay, Jamaica

Group C
Brazil, Colombia,
Peru, Venezuela



JACKSON IRVINE

Ross County (Scotland)

In the first of a new series, GW catches up with Aussies living their football dream abroad.

Born and raised in Melbourne, Jackson Irvine currently plays for Scottish Premiership side Ross County - on loan from Glasgow giants, Celtic - as a Midfielder/Centre Back. Jackson has just represented the Olyroos in a four team tournament in China and now gears up to face Dundee United in this weekend's SPL.



How did you end up at your present club?

I signed for Ross County in the last few hours of transfer deadline day. I had been trying to go on loan for the whole window but no move presented itself until I got the call from Ross County on the very last night, which was a big relief.

How's the season treating you so far?

Although the club had suffered seven straight defeats before I signed we have put some really positive performances together over the last few weeks. We are still bottom of the table but we have taken eight points from our last six games which has put us right back in the mix with the teams above us.

What's the standard like over there?

It's a very high level of physicality and tempo in Scotland which is a real test. It can make the game very frantic at times and it can mean that games can often be decided by moments of individual brilliance. There are a lot of incredibly talented players in the SPL, both young and experienced. And the vast majority of the teams are very evenly matched so it makes every week a tough game.

What are the home town fans like? Do they know their football?

Ross County is one of only a handful of clubs in the world who's stadium capacity is larger than the population of the town we are located in. It is a very family orientated club and no matter what the result the fans are always positive and support the team, which is great for the players.

What's the plan of attack for the immediate future?

This is a big season for me, as it stands I am in the last season of my contract with Celtic. So my aim at the moment is to continually put in positive performances with Ross County and then hope that the rest takes care of itself.

And the grand plan beyond?

I am still only 21 so I haven't begun to make any great plans for the future, especially with my contractual situation. I just have to focus on each game as it comes and hope that my performances earn me the chance to keep performing at the highest level I am capable of playing at.

7. What do you miss most about Oz?

Family and friends of course.

What do you miss least about Oz?

Those 40 degree days, it is comforting knowing that I never have to worry about those during summer here.

What do you like most about your present city of residence?

Inverness is a small, picturesque city. So I would definitely have to say the scenery.

What do you like least about your present city of residence?

It doesn't have the live music scenes I've been so spoilt with in Melbourne and Glasgow.

Do you keep a track of the A-League? How do you follow it?

I keep close track of the A League. We are lucky enough to get all the highlights and least a couple of live games a week in the UK. I am still a Victory fan so I play particularly close attention to them but I have friends playing at most clubs so I try and watch the games whenever possible.

Is it on your radar to play there one day?

No doubt about it, it would be a dream to play in front of all my friends and family. The growth of the league in just a few years has been so impressive. The crowds and stadiums are all amazing so I would very much like to be involved with the A-League if possible.

Earliest football memory?

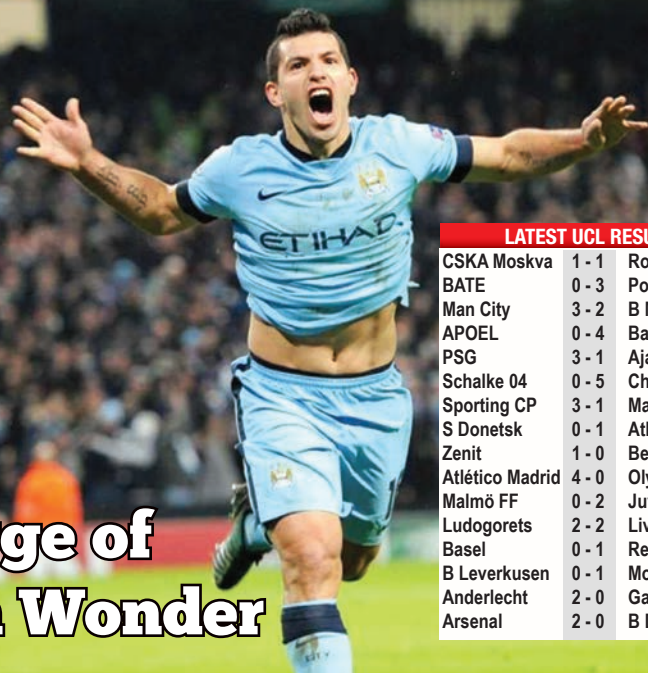
My grandad picking me up from primary school to go training at Ringwood City.

Favourite football memory?

Being at the Socceroos' World Cup Qualifier against Uruguay in 2005.

Advice to youngsters:

It's simple for me. Just enjoy playing the game. Sometimes I think kids, and especially parents, put so much emphasis on being selected for state teams and representative squads thinking they are what is most important for young players to develop. It's definitely not. Playing football at a high level means nothing if you aren't happy.



A Late Surge of Blue Moon Wonder

LATEST UCL RESULTS

CSKA Moskva	1 - 1	Roma
BATE	0 - 3	Porto
Man City	3 - 2	B München
APOEL	0 - 4	Barcelona
PSG	3 - 1	Ajax
Schalke 04	0 - 5	Chelsea
Sporting CP	3 - 1	Maribor
S Donetsk	0 - 1	Athletic Club
Zenit	1 - 0	Benfica
Atlético Madrid	4 - 0	Olympiakos
Malmö FF	0 - 2	Juventus
Ludogorets	2 - 2	Liverpool
Basel	0 - 1	Real Madrid
B Leverkusen	0 - 1	Monaco
Anderlecht	2 - 0	Galatasaray
Arsenal	2 - 0	B Dortmund

George Galpin in the UK

It's a cold night in Manchester. The clock ticks down to 80; Manchester City look like they're set to exit the Champions League at the group stage, even after CSKA made their chances of getting out much easier by equalizing with just 17 seconds left against Roma.

Everything is in their favour; their opponents Bayern Munich have already qualified, so they don't even have to win, meaning that the likes of Pierre Emile Hojberg are given a run out, and their injury record means that Phillipe Lahm and David Alaba are missing, two key players. City even have a man advantage, after Medhi Benatia's red card for bringing down the last man after just twenty minutes. That last man, Sergio Aguero, put away the penalty.

But even then, City look like they've bottled it. Bayern have come back from behind to be winning 2-1, and dominating possession; City can't even get near them. Their main man Aguero has had one shot the entire game: the penalty.

85th minute. Out of nowhere; City are level. Xabi Alonso gives away the ball for the only time in the game. Aguero is through on goal. He has his second shot, his second goal.

The crowd in blue were silent for most of the second half, their optimism draining away with every pass that Bayern make. But City are level, the crowd are up.

A long ball from Pablo Zabaleta looks desperate, but Jerome Boateng misjudges it and it falls to... yep. Aguero.

Another Bayern mistake, another Aguero chance. Another goal, and all hell breaks loose. City have won it in the dying seconds.

It says a lot, that for 85 minutes, Bayern are dominant, passing the ball around like the kings of Germany they are, even with the red card.

For all of the ball, the second half seen rarely any chances for Die Roten. The striker who scored their second, Robert Lewandowski, worked the channels, but doesn't look dangerous.

City have only one matchwinner, but Aguero is all they need; his 17th goal of the season, ironically, means that they can keep it alive. The Argentinian has been incredible, and doesn't manager Manuel Pellegrini know it; the campaign would have been a complete write off had it not been for him.

It just goes to show, no matter how poorly you can play, if you have that one matchwinner who can turn on the magic in times of need, everything is possible.

Bayern played extremely well, and were it not for two mistakes would have been easily on five wins out of five.

The Champions League dream would have been over, and perhaps it wouldn't have been beyond suggestion that some in sky blue would have thought that perhaps they would need to move if they ever wanted to reach that continental summit.

But not tonight. Aguero is the hero, the winner, the one-man band.

Manchester City's motto is "pride in battle". If their games are proverbial fights of fists, Aguero is their proverbial tank.

The World Game | EPL



Red Devils pile misery on Gunners

Nick Amies

Chelsea have extended their dominant lead atop the Premier League to six points after cruising to a 2-0 win over West Brom at Stamford Bridge. Diego Costa and Eden Hazard struck for the home side in the first 25 minutes to put the game beyond their opponents' reach.

Second-placed Southampton then failed to keep pace with the leaders after a 1-1 draw with Aston Villa on Monday. Gabriel Agbonlahor gave the Villans a shock lead after a defensive mix-up before Nathaniel Clyne equalised for the Saints in the final ten minutes.

Thanks to Aston Villa's efforts, Manchester City were able to bring themselves within a win of Southampton after a 2-1 triumph over Swansea. Wilfried Bony put the Welsh side ahead early, but the reigning champions eventually ground out the win through goals from Stevan Jovetic and Yaya Toure. Manchester United also picked up a 2-1 on the weekend, piling the misery on their opponents Arsenal in front of their own fans at the Emirates. A Keiran Gibbs own-goal gave United the

breakthrough before Wayne Rooney finished a counter-attack to double the advantage. A late goal from Olivier Giroud was the only consolation for the Gunners.

Liverpool also endured a weekend to forget, falling to a 3-1 defeat against Crystal Palace after Rickie Lambert scored inside 90 seconds. Dwight Gayle, Joe Ledley and Mile Jedinak all scored for the Eagles, who moved up to 15th. One of the teams leap-frogged by Palace was Hull, who sustained a 2-1 defeat at home to Tottenham on Sunday. Former Spur Jake Livermore put Hull in the driver's seat, but Harry Kane pulled on back before Christian Eriksen scored a 90th minute winner for Mauricio Pochettino's side.

In the weekend's other results, Everton and Newcastle secured home victories over West Ham and QPR respectively, while Leicester and Sunderland failed to fire in a 0-0 draw at the King Power Stadium. Burnley scored a surprising victory against Stoke at the Britannia Stadium, with the 2-1 result moving them off the bottom of the ladder.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Chelsea	12	10	2	0	30	11	+19	32
2 Southampton	12	8	2	2	24	6	+18	26
3 Manchester City	12	7	3	2	24	13	+11	24
4 Manchester United	12	5	4	3	19	15	+4	19
5 Newcastle United	12	5	4	3	14	15	-1	19
6 West Ham United	12	5	3	4	20	16	+4	18
7 Swansea City	12	5	3	4	16	13	+3	18
8 Arsenal	12	4	5	3	20	15	+5	17
9 Everton	12	4	5	3	22	19	+3	17
10 Tottenham Hotspur	12	5	2	5	16	17	-1	17
11 Stoke City	12	4	3	5	13	15	-2	15
12 Liverpool	12	4	2	6	15	18	-3	14
13 West Bromwich ...	12	3	4	5	13	17	-4	13
14 Sunderland	12	2	7	3	12	19	-7	13
15 Crystal Palace	12	3	3	6	17	21	-4	12
16 Aston Villa	12	3	3	6	6	17	-11	12
17 Hull City	12	2	5	5	14	17	-3	11
18 Leicester City	12	2	4	6	11	18	-7	10
19 Burnley	12	2	4	6	8	20	-12	10
20 Queens Park Ra...	12	2	2	8	11	23	-12	8

LATEST RESULTS

Chelsea	2-0	WBA
Everton	2-1	West Ham Utd
Leicester City	0-0	Sunderland
Man City	2-1	Swansea City
Newcastle Utd	1-0	QPR
Stoke City	1-2	Burnley
Arsenal	1-2	Man Utd
C Palace	3-1	Liverpool
Hull City	1-2	Tottenham
Aston Villa	1-1	Southampton

NEXT MATCH

WBA	v	Arsenal
Burnley	v	Aston Villa
Liverpool	v	Stoke City
Man Utd	v	Hull City
QPR	v	Leicester City
Swansea City	v	C Palace
West Ham Utd	v	Newcastle Utd
Sunderland	v	Chelsea
Southampton	v	Man City
Tottenham	v	Everton

One to watch!

It's second against third on Sunday as Southampton host Manchester City at St. Mary's. Ronald Koeman's side will be looking to continue their impressive start to the season, while their opponents are trying to drag themselves back into the title race. Expect an entertaining, free-flowing match that neither side will want to lose.



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STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Mo
1 Real Madrid	12	10	0	2	46	11	+35	30	
2 Barcelona	12	9	1	2	30	6	+24	28	
3 Atlético Madrid	12	8	2	2	23	12	+11	26	
4 Valencia	12	7	3	2	24	11	+13	24	
5 Sevilla	12	7	2	3	19	16	+3	23	
6 Málaga	12	6	3	3	15	12	+3	21	
7 Celta de Vigo	12	5	5	2	17	12	+5	20	
8 Villarreal	12	5	3	4	17	14	+3	18	
9 Athletic Club	12	4	3	5	10	13	-3	15	
10 Getafe	12	4	2	6	9	16	-7	14	
11 Rayo Vallecano	12	4	2	6	15	24	-9	14	
12 Eibar	12	3	4	5	13	19	-6	13	
13 Levante	12	3	3	6	9	26	-17	12	
14 Espanyol	12	2	5	5	12	16	-4	11	
15 Granada	12	2	5	5	6	17	-11	11	
16 Real Sociedad	12	2	4	6	12	16	-4	10	
17 Almería	12	2	4	6	9	14	-5	10	
18 Deportivo La C...	12	2	4	6	12	21	-9	10	
19 Elche	12	2	4	6	12	24	-12	10	
20 Córdoba	12	0	7	5	10	20	-10	7	

LATEST RESULTS

Athletic Club	3 - 1	Espanyol
Atlético Madrid	3 - 1	Málaga
Eibar	0 - 4	Real Madrid
Barcelona	5 - 1	Sevilla
Deportivo La C...	0 - 0	Real Sociedad
Rayo Vallecano	1 - 0	Celta de Vigo
Levante	2 - 1	Valencia
Elche	2 - 2	Córdoba
Villarreal	2 - 1	Getafe
Granada	0 - 0	Almería

NEXT MATCH

Real Sociedad	v	Elche
Getafe	v	Athletic Club
Espanyol	v	Levante
Málaga	v	Real Madrid
Celta de Vigo	v	Eibar
Atlético Madrid	v	Deportivo La C...
Sevilla	v	Granada
Córdoba	v	Villarreal
Valencia	v	Barcelona
Almería	v	Rayo Vallecano

it is likely that Real Madrid's next big signing will make their Real Madrid debut in Melbourne next year.

Soccer In Australia About To Get Real

Pepe Lopez

One week out from the Victorian State Elections, the Victorian Government has announced and confirmed that \$10 million will be allocated to bring Spanish Club Real Madrid to Melbourne in July 2015 to take part in the "Guinness International Champions Cup" tournament. It is believed that Real Madrid will take part in a triangular competition against English Champions and owners of Melbourne City, Manchester City, and Italian giants Inter Milan.

The matches will be played at the MCG (Melbourne Cricket Ground) between July 18 and 24, 2015. Victorian Sports Minister Damian Drum acknowledged the AFL, who made the MCG available during those 6 days, despite holding exclusive access rights to the MCG during the winter AFL season. As quoted on the SBS World Game web-site, Damian Drum stated "It has taken some negotiations but the goodwill in which these negotiations have taken place deserves credit." It is believed that the 3 games to be played at the MCG will contribute over \$50

million to the Victorian economy.

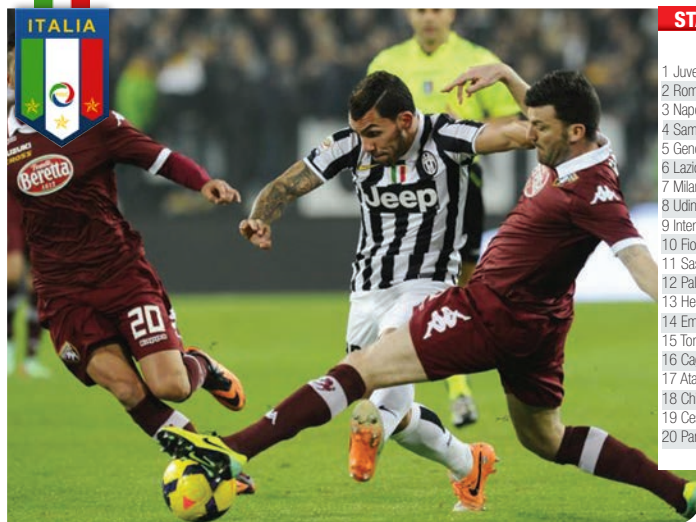
Former Soccerroo, La Liga player and Melbourne Heart Coach John Aloisi was also quoted after the announcement; "I got to play in Spain for six years and experience how big Real Madrid were. They buy the biggest players in the world and make it work. Watching them live is another experience. I can't wait." Real Madrid themselves are expecting to raise up to 15 million Euros from their pre-season tour which will continue with 2 matches in China after the completion of the "Guinness International Champions Cup" tournament in Melbourne.

Having opened up a 2 point lead in La Liga over 2nd placed Barcelona and having already qualified for the UEFA Champions League Round of 16 as winners of Group B with 2 match days still remaining, there is little doubt that Melbourne will witness the strongest club in world football today play at the MCG. Real Madrid are known for being big spenders, so along with the likes of Ronaldo and Gareth Bale,

One to watch!

Whilst July is still over 8 months away, in the short term, Australian fans can watch European Champions Real Madrid tackle Malaga in La Liga, Live Sunday 6am on Fox Sports 5.

The World Game | Serie A



Can Torino end Derby hoodoo?

Luca Cetta

In the annals of the Turin derby, clubs from both sides of the city divide can recalls periods of dominance. When Juventus conquered Italian football in the 1930s they did not lose the city showdown. And when the legendary 'Grande Torino' strolled to five successive championships in the 1940s, the Bianconeri trailed in the dust. The Derby Della Mole was a much closer affair throughout the 1970s and 80s, but since 1995 has been tinted black and white. Torino last won in 1994-95 and haven't even scored a goal since 2001-02. Ten fixtures have been contested since that 2-2 draw, for nine Juve wins.

If current form is anything to go by there appears little chance of shifting the ledger. It's been a frustrating juggling act for Torino between domestic and European duties. Results on the continent have been promising, but League form has suffered. Now without mercurial duo **Ciriaco De Simone** and **Alessio Cerci** – who accounted for 60 per cent of last season's goal total – they've stuttered to just seven strikes in 12 games.

The lack of goals haunted Torino last Sunday. Hosting Sassuolo, they missed a host of opportunities and eventually fell to a late Antonio Floro

Flores header. Amongst the missed chances was a penalty, the third consecutive spot-kick squandered. Aside from ex-Juve forward **Fabio Quagliarella** – seven goals in all competitions – it's slim pickings for **Giampiero Ventura's** team, who were jeered from the Stadio Olimpico. Torino's last goal came a month ago, but the Coach is sticking by his side: "If we had won this game, nobody could've said it wasn't deserved. It is difficult to comment on these situations, as the environment around us certainly wasn't favourable."

To make matters worse, they face a table-topping Juventus brimming with confidence. Last week's win over Lazio made it a trio of Serie A wins, scoring 12 and conceding zero in the process. The champions have switched to a four-man defence and the change has offered a breath of fresh air. **Carlos Tevez**, who scored the winner in this fixture last season, is in superb form as he tops the scoring charts and will be a player Toro must watch. But if the Granata want to finally regain city bragging rights, there must be marked improvement at both ends. Meanwhile, Juve will be out to twist the knife further in Granata hearts.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	M
1 Juventus	12	10	1	1	28	4	+24	31	
2 Roma	12	9	1	2	21	7	+14	28	
3 Napoli	12	6	4	2	23	15	+8	22	
4 Sampdoria	12	5	6	1	15	9	+6	21	
5 Genoa	12	5	5	2	16	12	+4	20	
6 Lazio	12	6	1	5	21	16	+5	19	
7 Milan	12	4	6	2	21	17	+4	18	
8 Udinese	12	5	3	4	15	15	+0	18	
9 Internazionale	12	4	5	3	18	15	+3	17	
10 Fiorentina	12	4	4	4	12	11	+1	16	
11 Sassuolo	12	3	6	3	11	15	-4	15	
12 Palermo	12	3	5	4	13	19	-6	14	
13 Hellas Verona	12	3	5	4	14	20	-6	14	
14 Empoli	12	3	4	5	14	19	-5	13	
15 Torino	12	3	3	6	7	13	-6	12	
16 Cagliari	12	2	5	5	20	20	+0	11	
17 Atalanta	12	2	4	6	5	13	-8	10	
18 Chievo	12	2	3	7	9	17	-8	9	
19 Cesena	12	1	5	6	9	19	-10	8	
20 Parma	12	2	0	10	14	30	-16	6	

LATEST RESULTS

Atalanta	1 - 2	Roma
Lazio	0 - 3	Juventus
Torino	0 - 1	Sassuolo
Cesena	1 - 1	Sampdoria
Hellas Verona	1 - 2	Fiorentina
Napoli	3 - 3	Cagliari
Parma	0 - 2	Empoli
Udinese	1 - 1	Chievo
Milan	1 - 1	Internazionale
Genoa	1 - 1	Palermo

NEXT MATCH

Sassuolo	v	Hellas Verona
Chievo	v	Lazio
Cagliari	v	Fiorentina
Cesena	v	Genoa
Empoli	v	Atalanta
Milan	v	Udinese
Palermo	v	Parma
Juventus	v	Torino
Roma	v	Internazionale
Sampdoria	v	Napoli

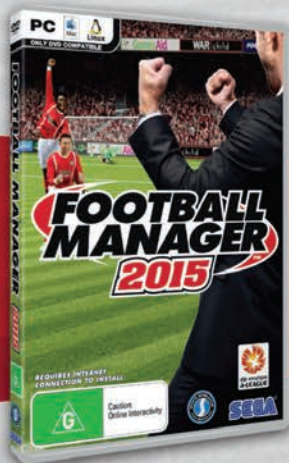
One to watch!

The Sunday evening clash sees Roma host Inter. The Nerazzurri grabbed a Milan Derby draw on **Roberto Mancini's** return, but face a difficult challenge against the Scudetto contenders. The capital club cannot afford a slip-up.

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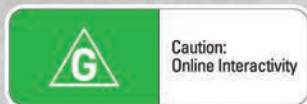
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